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To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA
BHUP BAHADUR OF
COOCH BEHAR, G.C.I.E., C.B.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 20th August 1908.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

We have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the administration of the State for the year 1907-08, to which as usual the several departmental reports are attached.

2. Mr. E. L. L. Hammond, I.C.S., Superintendent of the State and Vice-President of the State Council, retired from the State service on the 22nd of April 1908 and Mr. A. W. Dentith, I.C.S., was appointed to succeed him with effect from the above date.

3 *Judicial work of the State Council.*—The Council held 31 meetings on its Judicial side against 25 of the year previous. The following is the statement of work done by the State Council on its Judicial side :—

NATURE OF CASES.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.	DISPOSED OF. Reversed.	Modified.	Confirmed.	Struck off.	Remanded.	Compromised.	Rejected.	Granted.	Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	REMARKS.
CIVIL.														
Regular appeals	1	4	5	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	4	1	
Special appeals ...	2	6	8	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	
Miscellaneous appeals ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	.....	
Miscellaneous Special Appeals ...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	.....	
Motions, etc.	6	3	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	9	.....	
Miscellaneous cases	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	...	1	.....	
Small Cause Court Reference ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	1	.....	
RENT.														
Special appeals	...	2	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	.....	
REVENUE.														
Motions, etc.	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	
CRIMINAL.														
Appeals	...	8	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	8	.....	
Motions	3	18	21	...	...	...	1	...	...	15	5	21	.....	
Total ...	14	46	60	7	2	6	1	...	1	32	8	57	3	

It will be seen that the number of cases pending at the close of the year was three only.

4. *Legislative and Executive work of the Council.*—On the Legislative and Executive side, 43 meetings were held against 33 of the previous year, at 18 of which Your Highness presided.

The Cooch Behar Penal Code and an Act to amend the Cooch Behar Stamp Act I of 1903 were passed into law during the year of report.

5. *Executive work of the Council.*—The work of the Council on the Executive side is divided into three heads—

I.—General.

II.—Financial.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

I.—GENERAL.

6. *Appointment of Babu Bhupati Chakravartti,* M.A., B.L., *as Revenue Officer.*—At Your Highness' request the Government of Bengal was pleased to lend to the State, for a period of two years for the present, the services of Babu Bhupati Chakravartti, M.A., B.L., a Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector of the 3rd grade with a view to his ultimate appointment as Dewan on the retirement of the present Dewan Rai Calica Doss Dutt Bahadur C.I.E. Your Highness appointed Babu Bhupati Chakravartti as Revenue Officer of the State, placing him in control of the Revenue Department exclusive of the Debutter and the Household Departments. Babu Bhupati Chakravartti took over charge of the Revenue Department from the Dewan of the State on the afternoon of the 11th of March 1908. The Dewan now holds control over the Debutter and a part of the Household Department and performs under Your Highness' special orders the annual Poonyah ceremony, in addition to his duties as a Member of the Council.

7. *Visit of Your Highness to Mathabhanga.*—Your Highness visited Mathabhanga on the 14th of April 1907 and opened the Shutunga bridge. A most loyal and enthusiastic reception was accorded to Your Highness. A Durbar was held on the occasion and addresses were presented by the residents of the Sub-division and the local Town Committee. In the reply given by Your Highness you referred to the experiments which are being made at the Sudder Station for improving the quality of tobacco, to the desirability of further expanding Primary and Secondary Education, to your intention of not departing from the promise made at the time of the settlement that no cesses should be enforced during the course of the present settlement and to some other important matters. To commemorate this visit a sum of Rs. 4,000 was, on the proposal of the Dewan, sanctioned for the construction of a Panthasala at Mathabhanga.

8. *Sinking of tube-wells in the State.*—At the request of the Superintendent of the State, Your Highness was pleased to sanction a provision of Rs. 2,000 being made in the Public Works Department Budget for 1908-09 under head "Tube Wells" for the purchase and sinking of tube wells for the convenience of the people on the hire purchase system on certain conditions approved of by Your Highness. This scheme will, it is hoped, popularise the use of tube wells throughout the State and will thus tend to improve the general health of the people by decreasing the ravages of cholera.

9. *Ardhodaya Yoga.*—The Ardhodaya Yoga occurred on the 2nd February 1908. It was feared that a large number of people would go to bathe in the Ganges and that there would be a heavy outbreak of cholera, as in 1891. The Council issued a notification reminding people of the risk they would run if they went to the Ganges and at the same time sanctioned, on th

18. *Allowances, Charities and Thakurbaris.*—As stated in paragraph 6, the Debutter Department and a part of the Household Department were under the control of the Dewan, who was assisted by the Offg. Duar Muktear Babu Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L. The total amount disbursed by the Duar Muktear in the Household Department on account of allowances of ladies of the Raj Andar, Rajguns and others, and salaries and miscellaneous charges, was Rs. 75,991 against Rs. 78,813 of the previous year and that in the Debutter Department Rs. 33,204 against Rs. 36,208. There was besides an amount of Rs. 13,075 disbursed by the State Agent in Benares for maintaining the State Thakurbari, the Chhatra and the houses there. Owing to rise in prices of food grains an additional grant of Rs. 1,000 was sanctioned for the expenses of the Chhatra at which large number of persons are fed. At the Thakurbari in the town of Cooch Behar 34,720 persons, or on an average 95 persons a day, got their meals; there were besides 2,389 people who were fed at the Anandamoye Dharmasala. In the Household Budget there is a special grant for the education of poor boys. Forty-one boys received allowances from the grant during the year of report. Twenty-one of these were natives of Cooch Behar. At the Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary the average daily attendance of patients was 40. The institution has gained in popularity.

II.—FINANCIAL.

19. The year opened with a cash balance of Rs. 11,45,127 inclusive of deposits and Government money amounting to Rs. 2,87,411 and closed with a cash balance of Rs. 11,94,000 inclusive of deposits and Government money amounting to Rs. 3,00,601, shewing an increase of Rs. 48,873. The details of the State cash are given below :—

	At the close of 1906-07.	At the close of 1907-08.
Cooch Behar State	7,07,648	7,48,636
Chaklajat	1,50,068	1,44,763
Total	8,57,716	8,93,399

It will appear from the above that the cash balance of the State shews a net increase of Rs. 35,683. This result, however, is exclusive of the investment in Government securities of a lakh of rupees from the cash balance; if this amount be taken into consideration the cash balance of the State would have shown an increase of Rs. 1,35,683.

20. *Revenue.*—From the statement given in the Appendix it will be seen that the total revenue of the year under report amounted to Rs. 25,04,522 against Rs. 24,79,204 of the year previous, shewing a net increase of Rs. 25,318. A sum of Rs. 77,000 was received from Government on account of the depreciation value of the Rolling Stock to be taken over by the Government after the conversion of the Cooch Behar State Railway to metre gauge. This amount when added to the revenue makes the total revenue of the year Rs. 25,81,522 shewing an increase of Rs. 102,318 over that of the year 1906-07.

There has been an increase under almost all the heads of the budget with the exception of the following heads under which there have been decreases :—

II. (*d.*) Interest on Loans Rs. 2,105.
IV. (*a.*) Criminal Justice Rs. 937.
(*d.*) Public Works Department Rs. 3,500.
(*e.*) Sundries Rs. 1,308.
VI. (*b.*) Chaklajat Rs. 12,811.
(*c.*) Panga Estate Rs. 7,833.

Land Revenue shews a satisfactory increase of Rs. 12,358, Stamps Rs. 2,820, Excise Rs. 10,427, Sundries Rs. 2,388, Jail Rs. 2,726, Education, Science and Arts Rs. 3,774, Debutter Rs. 2,788, Darjeeling Estates Rs. 1,389 and the Cooch Behar State Railway Rs. 6,699. An increase of Rs. 7,831 on account of interest on the Children's and the Reserve Funds is shewn under Household

21. *Expenditure.*—The total expenditure of the year under report was Rs. 24,93,383 inclusive of Rs. 94,530 for Railway Capital Expenditure against Rs. 24,19,482 of the previous year, shewing a net increase of Rs. 73,901. The main heads under which an increase of expenditure has been shewn are :—

	Rs
I. HOUSEHOLD—	
(a.) His Highness' personal expenses	29,632
(b.) Education to Maharajkumars	30,793
(c.) Maharajkumar Raj Rajendra Narayan	23,300
II. ADMINISTRATION—	
1. CONTROL—	
(a.) Furlough and Leave allowance	6,961
(b.) Unforeseen charges	8,485
2. GENERAL—	
(a.) Superintendent of the State	5,140
(b.) Higher Education	3,404
(c.) Military Uniform	7,469
3. REVENUE—	
(a.) Agriculture	11,226
5. MISCELLANEOUS.—	
Town Improvement	2,500
Railway Capital Expenditure	89,530

I. HOUSEHOLD.

The increase under Household was met chiefly from the saving of Rs. 70,000 provided under the same head for the establishment of a Cigarette Factory, the scheme for which, as previously explained, fell through, the balance of Rs. 13,725 being met by an additional grant.

The provision of Rs. 4,00,000 for purely personal expenses being found inadequate there was an excess of Rs. 29,632. Reference has been made in paragraph 17 to the arrangements which were made for the education of Maharajkumars Victor Nityendra Narayan and Hitendra Narayan; these arrangements and the payment of certain bills of these Maharajkumars and of Maharajkumar Jitendra Narayan caused the increase in the expenditure under Education of Maharajkumars. The increase in the expenditure of Maharajkumar Raj Rajendra Narayan was mainly due to his illness and to the tour round the world, which he had to undertake for the benefit of his health.

II. ADMINISTRATION.

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The increase under "Unforeseen Charges" is due to the payment of Rs, 6,000 for travelling and other expenses of Mr. N. C. Sen while on deputation in connection with the marriage proposals of the Maharajkumar and Maharajkumaries; and of Rs. 5,000 as a donation to the Ladies Technical School and Indian Stores, less savings under other heads.

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The increase of Rs. 5,140 shewn against "Superintendent of the State" is due to the increased rate of pay given to the Superintendent of the State and to arrear subscriptions to the Civil Service Family Pension Fund of Mr. E. L. L. Hammond.

There were, however, decreases under other heads of the budget included under General which resulted in a net decrease of expenditure under this head of Rs. 10,838.

The increase under "Higher Education" is due to the entertainment of additional professors necessary for the improvement of the Victoria College under the new University Regulations.

3. Revenue.—

The increase under "Agriculture" is due to increased expenditure under tobacco cultivation; and that under Town Improvement for the additional grant given to the Town Committee for the improvement of sanitation and drainage.

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22. *Fund for His Highness' children.*—A sum of Rs. 1,60,000 was paid to this Fund during the year under report. The total investment in Government and other securities in favour of this Fund amounted to Rs. 6,90,700.

23. *Reserve Fund.*—A sum of Rs. 50,000 was paid to this Fund during the year under report. The total investment of this Fund amounted to Rs. 2,51,000.

24. *Darjeeling Estate.*—Receipts from this Estate amounted to Rs. 67,968 against Rs. 66,579 of the year previous, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,389.

The increase in receipt is due to enhancement of rent of some of the houses.

The expenditure fell from Rs. 44,303 to Rs. 38,283 during the year under report resulting in a net profit to the State of Rs. 29,685.

The expenditure includes a sum of Rs. 3,000 paid by the State during the year to the Fire Insurance Fund, the total investment under which up to the end of the year of report amounted to Rs. 12,900.

25. *Chaklajat Estates.*—The collection of the year under report was Rs. 4,34,797 against Rs. 4,47,608 of the previous year, shewing a decrease of Rs. 12,811. In the amount collected in 1906-07 were included the sale proceeds of a house in Jalpaiguri as stated in paragraph 18 of our last report and some other miscellaneous items which were not of a recurring character. Owing to low prices of jute and molasses the results were not so good as in the previous year.

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tions was transferred to the Loan Account of the Chaklajat Estates. balance against the Rajs on the 31st March 1908 was Rs. 39,133.

26. *Panga.*—The actual collections of the Estate amounted Rs. 23,815 against Rs. 31,648 of the previous year, shewing a decrease of Rs. 7,833. The decrease is due to the settlement operations now p ceeding.

The expenditure shews a decrease of Rs. 6,212 over that of the p year, due to a decrease in settlement charges. During the year under rep a sum of Rs. 6,251 was expended on the Panga settlement operations, total amount spent thereon upto the end of the year 1907-08 be Rs. 60,059.

27. *Budget Estimates for* 1908-09.—The revenue for the y has been estimated at Rs. 24,74,570 against Rs. 24,11,442 of 1907- and Rs. 23,56,219 of 1906-07, shewing an increase of Rs. 63,128 a Rs. 1,18,351 respectively. The expenditure has been put down Rs. 24,23,776 against Rs. 23,62,350 of 1907-08, shewing an incre of Rs 61,426.

The usual provisions of Rs. 1,00,000 and Rs. 50,000 have been m for the Children's and the Reserve Funds.

Your Highness has reserved Rs. 4,50,000 for Your Highness' perso expenses against an actual expenditure (inclusive of Rs. 59,000 for adj ment of outstanding advances) of Rs. 4,89,000 in 1907-08. A sum Rs. 76,000 has been provided for the education of the Maharajkumars, a Rs. 48,000 for Maharajkumar Raj Raj ndra Narayan. A sum Rs. 38,000 has been provided for the Band and Rs. 22,854 for the P khana.

The advance of Rs. 15,000 guaranteed by Your Highness to Indian Industrial Exhibition referred to in paragraph 21 of last ye report has not yet been adjusted and is, we fear, irrecoverable. There i further outstanding advance of Rs. 15,000 about which Your Highn orders will be taken after your return from England.

Your Highness has been pleased to sanction a provision of Rs. 25,0 for payment of bonus and grain compensation allowance to the poo paid servants of the State in the budget for 1908-09.

III.—COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY AND MISCELLANEOU

28. *Working of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The follow statement shews the revenue, results and traffic working of the li during the year of report as compared with the previous year:—

		For the year.	
		1906-07.	1907-08.
Gross earnings	Rs.	1,74,522 2 1	1,81,220 13 10
Working expenses	„	1,01,618 0 10	80,232 0 0
Net earnings	„	72,904 1 3	1,00,988 13 10
Percentage of working expenses on gross earnings		58·82	44·27
Percentage of net earnings on Capital Outlay including Suspense ...		4·89	6·7

29. *Capital expenditure.*—The provision made for capital expenditu was Rs. 94,530 during the year of report, which included the sum of Rs. 77,000 received from Government being the depreciated value of the

2'-6" gauge rolling stock sold by the State to Government. Out of the above capital expenditure no less than Rs. 67,000 was for repairs to flood damages.

30. *Conversion of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The Manager, Eastern Bengal State Railway System, has intimated that the Railway Board have agreed to the conversion of the Cooch Behar State Railway into metre gauge on the following conditions:—

(1.) Government will pay to the Cooch Behar Durbar the sum of Rs. 77,000 on account of the depreciated value of such of the 2'-6" gauge rolling stock owned by the Durbar as it desires to sell, payment being made before the 31st March 1908.

(2.) The Durbar to agree to pay to the credit of the Eastern Bengal State Railway before the 31st March 1908 the sum of Rs. 2,00,000 towards their share of the cost.

(3.) The Durbar to agree to provide such further sums as may be required to complete the conversion in Cooch Behar territory at such time as the sum may be required to carry out the work.

Your Highness accepted the terms and has endorsed Government Promissory Notes for Rs. 2,00,000 in favour of the Comptroller-General to the Government of India. A further sum of Rs. 50,000 has also been provided in the current year's budget for this purpose. We are glad to state that it has been possible for us so far to undertake this work without having recourse to a loan.

Sixty trucks and two engines are to be retained by the State together with rails for a light Railway to carry sand from the river Torsa to fill up small tanks and low lying places in and around the town of Cooch Behar.

31. *Working agreement of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The agreement for the working of the Cooch Behar State Railway by the Eastern Bengal State Railway, referred to in paragraph 25 of the last year's report, received the sanction of the Government of India during the year of report.

32. *Municipalities.*—The statement below shows the receipt and expenditure of the four Town Committees during the year of report.

RECEIPTS.

	Cooch Behar.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Haldibari.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cash balance on 1st April 1907 ...	2,442	731	1,546	839
State grant	20,100	1,748	2,142	1,900
Other receipts	15,958	4,660	4,165	1,294
Total ...	38,500	7,139	7,853	4,033

EXPENDITURE.

Public Works	9,248	3,326	3,652	1,807
Other expenditure	23,389	2,773	2,625	1,717
Total ...	32,637	6,601	6,477	3,524
Cash balance on 31st March 1908 ...	5,863	538	1,376	509

33. *Pensions and Allowances.*—Your Highness sanctioned during the year of report pensions and allowances aggregating Rs. 3,070 per annum.

We have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servants,

A. W. DENTITH,
Superintendent of the State, Vice-President.

CALICA DOSS DUTT,
Dewan of the State, Member.

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil and Sessions Judge of the State,
Judicial Member.

REVENUE.	Actuals for 1906-07.	Actuals for 1907-08	Difference Increase	Difference Decrease
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.
I.—Household	26,732	34,563	7,831	.....
II.—General Revenue—				
a. Land Revenue	12,68,210	12,80,568	12,358	.....
b. Stamp	1,70,642	1,73,462	2,820	.....
c. Excise	1,12,855	1,23,282	10,427	.....
d. Interest on Loans	3,181	1,076	.....	2,105
e. Sundries	8,641	10,979	2,338	.....
III.—Law and Justice—				
a. Civil & Sessions Court	462	724	262	.....
b. Registration	10,511	10,911	400	.....
IV.—Miscellaneous—				
a. Criminal Justice	7,240	6,303	.....	937
b. Jail	13,499	16,225	2,726	.....
c. Education, Science and Arts ...	10,691	14,465	3,774	.....
d. Public Works	11,514	8,014	.....	3,500
e. Sundries	5,154	3,846	.....	1,308
V.—Debutter	1,09,515	1,12,303	2,788	.....
VI.—His Highness' Estates—				
a. Darjeeling Estates	66,579	67,968	1,389	.....
b. Chaklajat Estates	4,47,608	4,34,797	.....	12,811
c. Panga Estates	31,648	23,815	.....	7,833
VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	1,74,522	1,81,221	6,699	.....
Total ...	24,79,204	25,04,522	25,318	.....
Railway Capital ...	.....	77,000	77,000	.....
Grand Total ...	24,79,204	25,81,522	1,02,318	.....

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 1906-07.	Actuals for 1907-08.	Difference Increase.	Difference Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Household Expenses				
a. His Highness' Personal expenses ...	4,59,368	4,89,000	29,632	.....
b. Rajbari garden &c	6,233	5,986	.....	247
Total of strictly Personal expenses ..	4,65,601	4,94,986	29,385	.....
c. Maintenance of Rajgans and education to Maharajkumars.	1,31,791	1,84,409	52,618	.....
d. Phulkhana and stables	33,942	35,561	1,619	.....
e. Band	38,685	36,210	.....	2,475
f. Miscellaneous	2,84,830	2,04,823	.....	80,007
Total Household expenses ...	9,54,849	9,55,989	1,140	.....
II.—Administration—				
1. Control	71,195	85,348	14,153	.....
2. General	5,40,201	5,29,363	.....	10,838
3. Revenue	1,92,952	2,00,727	7,775	.....
4. Law and Justice	57,497	54,106	.....	3,391
5. Miscellaneous	68,453	81,517	13,064	.....
III.—Debutter ...	50,774	50,160	.....	614
IV.—His Highness' Estates—				
a. Darjeeling Estates ...	44,303	38,283	.....	6,020
b. Chaklajat Estates	2,51,501	2,48,206	.....	3,295
c. Panga Estates	31,134	24,922	.....	6,212
V.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	1,01,623	80,232	.....	21,391
VI.—Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	.....	.....
Total ...	24,14,482	23,98,853	.....	15,629
Railway Capital Expenditure ...	5,000	94,530	89,530	.....
Total ...	24,19,482	24,93,383	73,901	.....
Surplus	59,722	88,139	28,417	.....
Grand Total ...	24,79,204	25,81,522	1,02,318	.....

His Highness' Office, Audit Department,
The 29th July 1908.

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To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR

IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the *1908.*

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report for the year 1907-08, on all the Departments of the State under my control.

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

2. *Administration of Criminal Justice.*—Babu Hari Das Mukherji, M.A., B.L., held charge of the Department throughout the year except from the 12th September to the 24th October 1907 when he was on privilege leave.

3. *Criminal Statistics.*—The statement below shews the number of cognizable and non-cognizable cases instituted during the past three years:—

Years.	Offences.		
	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable	Total.
1905-1906	1,609	1,720	3,329
1906-1907	1,597	1,779	3,376
1907-1908	1,467	1,782	3,249

It will be seen that 3249 cases were reported during the year against 3376 of the preceding year shewing a decrease of 127 cases in petty cognizable cases, such as thefts, &c.

4. *Number of persons brought to trial and percentage of conviction to number of persons tried.*—The following statement gives the number of cases

reported and the number of persons brought to trial and their result during the past three years :—

Particulars.	1905-1906.			1906-1907.			1907-1908.		
	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable	Total.
Number of cases reported	1,609	1,720	3,329	1,597	1,779	3,376	1,467	1,782	3,249
Number of persons brought to trial ...	1,206	1,326	2,532	1,108	1,239	2,347	951	1,307	2,258
Convicted	762	759	1,521	720	660	1,380	593	669	1,262
Released	378	522	900	276	255	531	243	283	526
Otherwise disposed of	6	3	9	54	223	277	73	283	356*
Pending at the end of the year	60	42	102	58	101	159	42	72	114
Percentage of conviction to total number tried	66 84	59·25	62 82	72·28	72 13	72 21	70·93	70·27	70 58

*This includes acquittal under sections 247, 248, 259, 345 and 494, of Criminal Procedure Code

The percentage of conviction to total number tried both in cognizable and non-cognizable cases has fallen from 72·28 and 72·13 to 70·93 and 70·27 respectively.

5. *Abstract of Heinous offences*—Three cases of murder were reported. Two ended in conviction (the accused being sentenced to transportation for life) and one in acquittal. Seven cases of culpable homicide were reported; of these five ended in conviction and two in acquittal. One case of dacoity was reported from the Haldibari Police Station. The case was reported in B True. One case of robbery (in dwelling house) was reported from Dinhata. The case is pending with the Magistrate. Eighteen cases of kidnapping were reported during the year and three were pending from last year. Of these 21 cases 17 were dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code, two ended in conviction, one in acquittal and one remained pending trial at the close of the year.

6. *Appeals.*—In cases in which 1065 persons were punished, only 58 appeals were preferred. In 42 cases the order of the lower court was confirmed, in 2 the order was modified, in 1 the appeal was rejected and in 13 the orders were reversed.

7. *Result of Sessions trial.*—The following statement gives the results of commitment to the Court of Sessions :—

Names of committing officers.	No. of cases.	No. of persons committed.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons released.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction
Sudder.							
1. Babu Hari Das Mukherji, Fouzdari Ahilkar ..	4	7	7	...	...	...	100
Toofangunj.							
2. „ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	11	28	12	13	...	3	48
Mathabhanga.							
3. „ Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar ...	1	2	...	2	...	...	...
4. „ Bama Charan Neogi, Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	2	3	1	2	...	...	33·33
Mekliganj.							
5. „ Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahilkar ...	4	8	3	2	...	3	60
Total ...	22	48	23	19	...	6	54·76

It will be seen that the percentage of conviction rose from 50·0 in 1906-07 to 54·76 in the year under report. Three cases with six persons remained pending at the close of the year.

8. *Detention of witnesses.*—The table below shows the detention of witnesses in the several courts in the State. The results in Tufangunj and Mathabhanga are good.

Name and designation of Magistrate.	Number of witnesses who appeared during the year.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses discharged without examination.	Number of witnesses not examined and finally discharged.	Detention of witnesses entered in columns 3 and 4 for— One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five to seven days	Eight to fifteen days.	More than fifteen days.
SUDDER.											
Babu Hari Das Mukherji, Fouzdari Ahilkar	889	852	28	9	805	44	31	.	..		...
,, Pramatha Nath Chatterji, Naib Ahilkar	605	411	194		341	136	102	26	...	.	...
,, Harendra Narain Chowdhari, Naib Ahilkar.	51	3	12	36	1	9	5	..	..	..	...
,, Bama Charan Neogi, Sub-Naib Ahilkar	229	159	70		190	31	6	2	..	....	...
,, Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, Addl. Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	739	433	217	89	350	240	50	10	..	..	...
Rai Chaudhuri Mon Mohan Buxi, Honorary Magistrate.	17	17	.	...	10	7	.	...	.	...	..
Total .	2,530	1,875	521	134	1,697	467	194	38	...	..	..
TOOFANGUNJ.											
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Offg. Naib Ahilkar	711	698	33		675	24	12	...	..	..	.
Total .	711	698	33	.	675	24	12	...	...	...	..
DINHATA.											
Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterji, Naib Ahilkar	759	391	368	..	546	143	68	2	...	.	..
,, Bama Charan Neogi, Offg. Naib Ahilkar	502	247	255	...	367	107	19	9	...		.
,, Pramatha Nath Chatterji, Naib Ahilkar	111	72	26	13	98				..		.
,, Uma Nath Dutt, Offg Sub-Naib Ahilkar	401	180	193	28	257	87	26	3	..	...	.
Total ...	1,773	890	842	41	1,268	337	113	14		.	.
MATHABHANGA.											
Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar	550	475	66	9	447	69	25	...	...	.	.
,, Bama Charan Neogi, Offg. Naib Ahilkar	140	133	7	.	84	41	15	...	..	...	..
,, Bama Charan Neogi, Sub-Naib Ahilkar	4	2	2	...	4	.	.	..	.	...	..
,, Uma Nath Dutt, Offg. Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	396	321	75	..	324	52	20	..	..	...	...
Total	1,090	931	150	9	859	162	60		...	...	
MEKLIGUNJ.											
Babu Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahilkar ...	590	483	107	.	475	91	8	12	4	...	..
HALDIBARI.											
Bench of Honorary Magistrates ..	204	156	39	9	112	62	21	...	...	..	...
Grand Total ...	6,898*	5,013	1,692	193	5,086	1,143	408	64	4	...	...

* Including 196 persons of the previous year.

9. *Miscellaneous proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure.*—The following statement gives the necessary information in regard to such cases:—

Nature of cases.	No. of cases.	Dismissed.	Decreed on orders passed against the accused.	Compromised.	Struck off.	Pending.
Maintenance	30	2	3	5	18	2
Right of way	94	7	30	18	33	6
Security to keep the peace under Secs. 106, 107, C. P. C	14	1	.....	.....	10	3
Under Secs. 109 and 110, C.P.C. ...	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Total ...	139	10	33	23	62	11

10. *Unnatural deaths.*—One hundred thirty-eight deaths from unnatural causes were reported during the year, as per statement below :—

Names of Police Stations and Out-posts.	Suicide.	Drowning.	Snake bite.	By wild beasts.	Fall from building.	Other causes.	Total.
POLICE STATION.							
Kotwali	.....	12	5	1	1	4	23
Tufaugunj	5	12	2	1	.....	2	22
Dinhata	1	20	8	1	.....	6	36
Mathabhanga	3	6	8	3	2	7	29
Shitalkhuchi O. P. ...	.....	5	1	1	.....	2	9
Mekligunj	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	8
Haldibari	.....	6	1	.....	.....	4	11
Total ...	9	65	29	7	3	25	138

11. *Realization of Criminal fines.*—The statement below shows the imposition and realisation of Criminal Fines during the last three years :—

	YEARS.								
	1905-06.			1906-07.			1907-08		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A	P.
Balance of the previous year ...	1,377	10	3	1,292	10	9	1,421	12	9
Imposed during the year ...	6,991	11	6	6,148	12	0	6,331	8	0
Total amount to be realised ...	8,369	5	9	7,441	6	9	7,753	4	9
Realised during the year ...	7,076	11	0	6,019	10	0	6,042	11	9
Balance at the end of the year	1,292	10	9	1,421	12	9	1,710	9	0

Out of the total amount of Rs. 1,710-9 outstanding at the close of the year, if Rs. 500 due from Durga Charan Sen, an absconder, and Rs. 800 due from Ashutosh Sinha and Kamala Kant Das and Jasamut Nashya concerned in a Post office defalcation case, be deducted from the total, Rs. 410-9 only remained to be realized. The result is satisfactory. Endeavours are being made to realize the outstandings.

12. *Summary of cases for recovery of wives.*—For recovery of wives 77 petitions were filed during the year and 7 were pending from the preceding year. Of the 84 cases 37 were struck off. In 29 cases the wives were made over to their husbands and in 16 cases, in which the wives denied the marriage, the parties were referred to the Civil Courts. Two cases remained pending at the close of the year.

13. *Village Chowkidars.*—The total number of chowkidars was 1575 against 1574 of the previous year. One more Chowkidar was appointed in Sub-division Mathabhanga.

14. The following abstract return shows the financial working of the Chowkidari Fund:—

Name of Sub-division	TOTAL DEMAND. Total amount of annual fund deductions.	Balance of the previous years.	Total.	Amount realized during the year.	Amount remained unrealized on the 31st March.	Amount of fines realized.	Amount of penalties realized	Miscellaneous receipts.	Total of columns 5 7, 8 and 9.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sudder	1,205 10 9	107 13 6	1,313 8 3	1,237 15 9	75 8 6	32 15 6	19 2 0	97 10 5	1,387 11 8
Toofanganj	768 8 0	112 2 3	880 10 3	855 1 2	25 9 1	15 9 0	22 1 3	4 15 6	897 10 11
Dinhata	1,367 5 0	255 14 0	1,623 3 0	1,223 1 3	400 1 9	16 7 0	13 3 6	. .	1,252 11 9
Mathabhanga	1,750 14 0	232 11 9	1,983 9 9	1,828 5 0	155 4 9	29 13 0	4 12 6	288 13 0	2,151 11 6
Mekliganj	864 9 0	5 10 0	870 3 0	870 3 0	....	30 9 0	12 3 6	54 0 0	966 15 6
Total	5,956 14 9	714 3 6	6,671 2 3	6,014 10 2	656 8 1	125 5 6	71 6 9	445 6 11	6,656 13 4

The minimum and maximum pay of Chowkidars continued to be Rs. 4-8-6 and Rs. 6 respectively.

A proposal to raise the pay and status of the Chowkidars is under consideration. A conference was held, and certain statistics have subsequently been called for.

During the year Rs. 1,774-12 was paid to the Chowkidar as rewards, gratuities and khorakis, against Rs. 824 in the previous year.

15. *Cattle Pounds.*—There were 84 Cattle Pounds in the State against 83 of the year before. The gross receipts amounted to Rs. 11,755-7-6 against Rs. 10,279-4-9 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,476-2-9, whilst the cost of maintenance and establishment including rewards paid for killing dogs was Rs. 786-15-6 against Rs. 709-15, of the preceding year, leaving a profit of Rs. 10,968-8 for the year. Out of this sum Rs 5,300 has been paid in improving the towns and in helping the Town Committees, leaving a net profit of Rs. 5,668-8 to the Fund.

16. *Veterinary Institution and Cattle Disease.*—The Veterinary Institution practically remained closed for the whole of the year under review, due to the ill health of the Veterinary Assistant. Since the close of the year the Veterinary Assistant has been granted a compassionate allowance and retired, and a successor appointed in his place.

17. *Weather, Crops and Condition of the people.*—The winter was unusually severe about the end of January, and the excessive cold was reported to have caused the death of some cattle.

The public health was generally good during the year Cases of cholera and small-pox were reported, chiefly from the Sudder and Mathabhanga thanas. It was apprehended that a virulent type of cholera would break out after the Ardhodoy Joga but the number of pilgrims was very few and it is satisfactory to note that the present Ardhodoy Joga was marked by the total absence of cholera and other epidemics.

High prices of food-grains prevailed throughout the year. The general complaint was the comparatively low rate of jute.

Statements A and B are appended hereto.

II.—POLICE.

18. *Charge.*—Kumar Gojendra Narayan, Junior, held charge of this department throughout the year except for 2 months, when he was on privilege leave, and the Senior Inspector held charge of the office.

19. *Cost.*—The Budget provision for the year was Rs. 54,600 against Rs. 54,914 in 1906-07, while the total expenditure was Rs. 53,312 against Rs. 53,745. The saving was due to pay undisbursed on account of casualties, &c.

The cost of the force employed on purely Police work, prevention and detection of crime, may be placed, approximately at Rs. 17,400 or at about 5·89 pies per head of population during the year against Rs. 14,300 or 4·84 pies per head of the year before. The number of the Police so employed during the year was 136 against 134 of the previous year. This gives one Policeman to every 9·6 square miles and one to every 4168·91 of the population as shewn below :—

Year.	Police	Population.	Cognizable Crime.	Proportion of Police to population.	Proportion of Police to cases of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of cognizable crime investigated to population.
1906-07	134	5,66,973	1,057	1 to 4231·1	1 to 7·88	1 to 536·39
1907-08	136	5,66,973	949	1 to 4168·91	1 to 6·97	1 to 597·44

20. *Cognizable Cases*:—The number of cognizable cases (taken up *Suo-motu* by the Police) during the year was 846 against 914, showing a decrease of 68 cases, in petty theft and nuisance cases. There were 9 cases pending with the Police from the commencement of year and 3 "C" true cases of the previous year were reported in A form, making 858 cases to be dealt with during the year under report. Of these 213 were sent up in "A" form; of which 5 were declared false by the Magistrate due to either mistake of law or fact, 5 were returned in "B" form true, 201 in "C" true and 111 in "C" false. There was no "B" false case. The Police refused investigation in 103 cases and 8 cases were pending enquiry with the Police at the end of the year. The number of non-first information cases was 214. The percentage of true cases sent up in "A" form was 51·18 during the year against 53·83 of the previous year. It is to be observed that in 201 "C" true cases the Police failed to trace any offender. The percentage of conviction in Police cognizable cases fell from 72·28 in 1906-07 to 70·96 in the year under review.

The following table shows in detail the proportion of cognizable cases reported to population and area in the five Sub-divisions of the State.

Details.		Names of Sub-divisions.					
		Sudder.	Toofanguuj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliguuj.	Total.
Area in square-miles		284	223	269	334	197	1,307
Population		1,21,609	73,436	1,43,900	1,40,183	87,843	5,66,973
Cognizable Crime.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	60	10	3	13	4	90
	Reported during the year.	530	197	252	301	188	1,468
	Disposed of during the year.	542	196	250	298	186	1,472
	Pending at the end of the year.	48	11	5	16	6	86
Proportion of cognizable crime reported to population.		1 to 229·45	1 to 372·78	1 to 571·03	1 to 465·72	1 to 467·25	1 to 386·22
Proportion of Cognizable crime to area.		1 to ·53	1 to 1·13	1 to 1·06	1 to 1·10	1 to 1·04	1 to ·89

21. *False cases.*—The number of cases in which forms were used by the Police in the year under report was 576. One hundred and thirty-three or 23·09 per cent. of the above were declared false owing to mistake of law, facts or otherwise. Thirteen prosecutions for false cases were instituted against 14 of the previous year. Three cases of this nature were pending with the Magistrate at the beginning of the year, making a total of 16 cases for disposal. Of these 9 ended in conviction, 5 in discharge or acquittal and 2 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The percentage of conviction was 56·25 against 46·6 of the year before.

22. *Petition Cases.*—During the year the Police received 103 petition cases from the Magistrates for investigation and these were disposed of as follows:—

A form	9
C true	12
C false	22
Reported summarily	60
Total ...	103

23 *Stolen Property.*—The comparative table below shews the amount of property stolen and recovered during the last two years:—

Amount of property stolen.						Amount of property recovered.						Percentage of recovery.	
1906-1907.			1907-1908.			1906-1907.			1907-1908.			1906-1907.	1907-1908.
Rs	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.		
6,851	0	0	14,495	0	0	2,031	0	0	5,051	0	0	31·97	34·84

The result of recovery is not satisfactory.

24. *Remands in Police cases.*—The following table shews the cases which have undergone the longest hearing with the names of the trying Magistrates:—

Names of trying Magistrates.	No. of remands.	No of case with offence and section.	Date of final order.	Date of 'A' form.	Duration of trial.	Orders.	REMARKS.
Babu Uma Nath Dutta, Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	7	No 7 of Feb. 06, P. S Mathabhanga Secs 147 & 448 I P.C.	20-5-07	26-2-07	82 days	4 accused convicted 1 accused discharged 1 accused acquitted.	
„ Ashutosh Ghosh Naib Ahilkar	11	No 6 of June 07, P S Mathabhanga Sec. 147 I.P C	11-11-07	28-6-07	136 days	Convicted.	
„ Hari Nath Basu, ditto ..	6	No 1 of Feb 07, P.S. Mekliganj Secs. 380 and 411, I. P. C.	22-4-07	25-2-07	56 days	Do.	
Ditto ditto ..	4	No. 1 of April 07, P S. Haldibari Sec 324, I.P.C.	29-5-07	9-4-07	43 days	Do.	
„ Narsinha Chandra Ghosh, Offg. Naib Ahilkar	6	No 1 of July 07, P S. Tufanganj Secs. 363 and 366, I. P. C.	8-6-07	23-3-07	77 days	Committed to the Court of Sessions where convicted.	
Ditto	5	No. 5 of July, 07, P.S. Tufanganj Sec. 406, I.P C.	7-9-07	24-7-07	45 days	Convicted.	
„ Rama Charan Neogi, Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	12	No. 11 of Nov 07, P. S. Dinhata, Secs. 353, and 147, I.P.C.	29-1-08	26-11-07	64 days	Discharged	
Ditto	4	No. 9 of Oct. 07, P S Dinhata. Sec. 354, I P C.	1-2-08	6-12-07	57 days	Convicted.	
Uma Nath Dutta, Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	3	No. 14 of Aug. 07, P.S. Dinhata Secs. 380 & 457 I.P.C.	25-3-08	20-12-07	96 days	Do.	
Hari Das Mukherji P. Ahilkar..	6	No. 14 of June 07, P. S. Kotwali, secs. 407 & 411, I. P. C.	21-8-07	15-7-07	44 days	Do.	

25. *Vagrancy and Bad Character.*—Two cases were instituted during the year against the same number of the previous year One ended in conviction and the other remained pending with the Magistrate at the close of the year.

26. *Arms Act.*—One hundred eighty-nine licenses were issued during the year against 211 in the previous year. One gun, one bhote chhora and 10 spears were seized during the year against five guns and 18 spears of the previous year for breaches of the Arms Act. Instructions have been issued not to renew licenses for guns when found out of repair or in any way defective.

27. *Investigation of cases by Police officers.*—The details of investigation held by various Police officers are given below :—

By Inspectors	5
„ Sub-Inspectors...	624
„ Head-constables	17
Refused investigation	103
Total ...	749

The investigations taken up by Head Constables were all due to unavoidable circumstances.

28. *Rewards and punishments.*—The comparative table shews the rewards and punishments in the force during the last two years :—

RANK.	*Judicially.*				*Departmentally.*						*Reward.*			
	1906-1907.		1907-1908.		1906-1907.			1907-1908.			1906-1907.		1907-1908.	
	Indian Penal Code	Cooch Behar Police Act (Act III of 1898.)	Indian Penal Code	Cooch Behar Police Act (Act III of 1898.)	Fined		Dismissed.	Fined.		Dismissed.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
					Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount					
						Rs.			Rs.			Rs.		Rs.
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	2	30	1	20
Sub-Inspectors	...	...	...	...	7	29	...	2	22	...	9	76	20	128
Head-constables	...	...	1*	...	4	4	1	3	5-12	...	14	88	14	64
Constables	4	2	1*	3*	17	54	8	6	9-4	14	31	138-4	18	95

* With fine.

Of the above rewards Rs. 12 were awarded in Excise cases, Rs. 21 in Arms Act cases and Rs. 10 in target practice and the balance in detecting offences and for good work in connection with cases. One Constable was dismissed for having been judicially punished and 13 for misconduct and absence without leave.

29. *Drill and Target Practice.*—The men were regularly drilled throughout the year. Twenty men were put through a course of ball firing practice and a reward of Rs. 10 together with the musketry-badge was awarded to Constable Rambachan Ojha for being the best shot.

30. *Retirement.*—One Head Constable and five Constables retired during the year.

31. *Good Conduct stripes and allowance.*—The year closed with 117 constables in possession of good conduct stripes.

Since the close of the year Your Highness has sanctioned an increase in the pay of the men and I believe this has given general satisfaction and will ensure better work.

32. *Fire.*—Five cases of fire broke out in the town: no serious loss was sustained.

33. *Town Police.*—The Cooch Behar Town Police consisted as in the previous year of one Head Jamadar, one Junior Jamadar and 21 Chowkidars and the Mathabhanga, Dinhata and Haldibari Municipalities have 7, 5 and 5 Chowkidars.

34. *Street Lighting.*—The Sudder Municipality have 97 Street lamps and and the Mathabhanga, Dinhata and Haldibari Municipalities 25, 29 and 29 Street Lamps respectively.

35. *Finger Prints.*—Finger impressions of 33 undertrial prisoners and suspects were obtained and sent to the Central Bureaus in Calcutta, Allahabad Simla and Shillong. In 3 cases only identity was established. Finger prints of 24 ex-convicts were sent for permanent record in the Central Bureaus.

36. *Emigration and immigration.*—527 persons emigrated from and 649 immigrated into the State during the year, against 564 and 591 respectively of the previous year.

37. *Training of Police.*—Two candidates were sent for a course of Police training at the Ranchi Police Training College.

Statement C shewing the caste, race and religion of officers and men is given in the appendix.

III.—JAIL AND LOCK-UPS.

38. *Charge of the Jail.*—Babu Haridas Mukerji was in charge of the Jail throughout the year, except for the period from 5th to 24th October 1907 when Babu Raj Krishna Das, Assistant Civil Judge, was in charge.

39. *Jail Population.*—The admissions to the Jail during the year were 258 against 322 in the previous year. Of the total number of admissions, 10 were lunatics, 10 Civil prisoners, 64 undertrials and 174 were convicted prisoners.

Of the total Jail population, 292 were discharged, of whom 289 were released, two transferred and one died, leaving 75 in the Jail at the close of the year. There was no escape of prisoners during the year. Of the 289 released, 194 were convicted, 79 undertrials 10 Civil prisoners and 6 lunatics. Of the 194 convicts released during the year, 177 were released on expiry of sentence, three on appeal 13 under the mark system, and one on medical grounds.

The two prisoners sentenced to transportation for life were transferred to the Alipur Central Jail for deportation to the Andamans.

40. *Health of Prisoners.*—The health of the prisoners during the year was good. Only one prisoner died during the year as compared with four in 1906-07. The death was due to cholera.

41. *Employment of Prisoners.*—The industries on which the prisoners were employed were carpentry, grinding wheat, making mustard-oil, weaving gunny cloth, making twine and rope, manufacturing crushed-food, making bamboo mats and baskets, gardening, manufacturing aërated water, breaking stones for road metal, &c. They were also employed in repairing thatched houses and on ordinary menial duties outside the Jail precincts and extra mural labour. The number employed on manufacture was 16·24 against 15·26 in the previous year.

42. *Earnings.*—The gross earnings for the year were Rs. 3,409-14-6 against Rs. 3,395-4-6 in the preceding year, and the net earnings were Rs. 2,057-14 against Rs. 2,089-8 in the preceding year. The gross cost of the Jail for the year was Rs. 10,497-6-11 against Rs. 9,874-1-6 in the previous year. The average cost of each prisoner was Rs. 114-15-6 against Rs. 112-3 and the net cost 75-6-5 against Rs. 73-9-9.

The amount paid into Treasury during the year was Rs. 16,215-6 against Rs. 13,498-1-6 in the preceding year. The increase in receipts is ascribed by the Officer-in-charge of Jail to the larger sale of crushed-food, mustard-oil and aërated water during the year under report. The amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the close of the year was Rs. 1,050-9-6 against Rs. 1,400-6-6 in the preceding year. A statement showing the financial result of manufacture of crushed-food and aërated water is given below:—

CRUSHED-FOOD.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Sale proceeds of crushed-food disposed of during the year	9,408	1	0
Amount spent on raw materials, &c. for crushed-food ...	8,612	2	0
Difference or profit ...	795	15	0

ÆRATED WATER.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Capital cost (plant and tools)	699	4	0
2. Recurring expenses	1,247	0	6
3 10 per cent. depreciation on capital cost ...	69	15	0
Total expenditure ...	1,316	15	6
4. Sale proceeds	2,023	1	6
Difference or profit ...	706	2	0

43. *Life Convicts at Port Blair.*—During the year Rs. 1,200 was paid to the British Government for the maintenance of 12 life convicts being the same amount as in the preceding year.

44. *Reconviction and under-trial Prisoners.*—Seventeen persons with previous convictions were admitted into the Jail against 15 in the previous year. The average period of detention of under-trial prisoners during the year was 21·85 days against 14·86 days in the previous year. The longest period of detention in Sessions cases was 98 days against 72 days in 1906-07 and in cases tried by Magistrates 56 days against 34 days in the previous year.

45. *Classification of Prisoners.*—The percentage of Hindu and Mahomedan prisoners was 62·64 and 37·35, respectively, whilst the Natives of the State formed 70·68 of the Jail population 29·32 being foreigners. The percentage of juveniles and females was 4·02 and ·57 respectively.

46. *Conduct of Prisoners.*—The number of prisoners punished during the year was 106 against 123 in the preceding year.

47. *Female Prisoners.*—Five female prisoners were admitted into the Jail against 7 in the previous year. The daily average number was ·15 against 1·40 in the preceding year.

48. *Juvenile Offenders.*—The number of juvenile offenders admitted into the Jail was 7 against 10 in the previous year. Their conduct was good.

49. *Lock-ups.*—343 prisoners were admitted into the four lock-ups during the year against 497 in the previous year.

50. *Dieting, Water-supply and Inspection.*—Due care was taken in dieting and water-supply by the officers concerned. The Superintendent of the State, the Dewan and the Civil and Sessions Judge visited the Jail.

Statements D. E. F. G. H. I. J. giving details are given in the appendix.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

I. Ordinary.

51. The original grant for the Public Works Department for the year was Rs. 1,53,705. This was raised to Rs. 1,72,090 in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure was Rs. 1,68,216 against Rs. 1,88,253 in the preceding year.

The total receipts of the year was Rs 8,012-12-5 against Rs. 11,514 of the previous year.

52. *Original Works, Civil Buildings.*—The total expenditure on original works was Rs. 65,701-2-6 against Rs. 62,485 (including cost of servants' quarters at Woodlands Rs. 63,392) of the previous year. This sum was expended on the following works :—

(a) *Two storied house for the Principal, Victoria College.*—A two storied pucca building on high plinth and arched floor consisting of one room two verandahs and a bath-room &c, measuring 32'-2 × 31'-6" was constructed. A corrugated iron roofed verandah was provided as a passage from the old building to the new one. The total amount of expenditure on this work was Rs. 6,099 against the estimated amount of Rs. 5,847.

(b) *Victoria College.*—The final adjustment was made during the year. The total cost of this work came up to Rs. 57,626 against the estimate of Rs. 56,171. In addition to this Rs. 3,529 was expended in providing fittings and furniture for the Laboratory.

(c) *Railway Police quarters.*—Sub-Inspectors' quarters, 34'-5½" × 24'-9', divided into two rooms, 11'-5½' × 10', a verandah 6' wide, a cook room, 7'-2½ × 6'-10½ and a latrine with a space enclosed as court yard.

Head-Constable's quarters, 34'-4' × 13'-3' consisting of one room 11'-5 × 10' and a verandah 6' wide, a cook room, a latrine, and court yard.

Constable's quarters, 33'-8 × 26'-4", consisting of three rooms and a kitchen with four rooms each 6' × 6'. The buildings have been constructed with pucca floor and arched roofing with doors and windows. A pucca well 3 ft. in diameter has been provided. The total cost was Rs. 4,480 against the estimate of Rs. 4,372.

(d) *Addition to the Sudder Model School.*—A corrugated iron shed, 42'-9' × 20'-9' with iron posts, brick plinth, wooden doors and windows was constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,416 against the estimate of Rs. 1,173.

(e) *Dewan's Record room.*—One room, 16'-3' × 12' has been added to the Dewan's Record room. It was built with corrugated iron roofing, brick walls and asphalt paved floor at a cost of Rs. 993.

(f) *Additional accommodation for the Head Assistant, Comptroller of Household.*—A thatched house, 15' × 12'-6' was constructed.

(g) *Corrugated Iron Roofing to Band Sergeant's quarters.*—This Bunglow which was originally occupied by the Scandinavian missionaries being vacated was appropriated to the Band Sergeant. The khapra roofing and mat walls were changed into corrugated iron roofing and lath plaster walls at a cost of Rs. 1,138 against an estimate of Rs. 1,165.

(h) *Corrugated Iron Roofed Godown and furniture for Sudder Dak Bungalow.*—Messrs Sorabji and Co. opened a refreshment room in this Bunglow. On their requisition a corrugated iron roofed godown, 20' × 15' was constructed and other petty works done and some furniture supplied at a cost of Rs 871.

(i) *Closing a portion of the West Verandah of the central building for the State Pleader.*—A small portion of the West Verandah of the East wing was enclosed at a cost of Rs. 90.

(j) *Contribution to the Communication Improvement Fund.*—The roads in the State suffered much owing to the flood in August 1906. Additional expenditure was incurred to repair the damages done by the flood. A sum of Rs. 22,851 was paid as contribution to the Road Fund to meet the expenditure.

(k) *Converting Stable into servants quarters.*—The half of the Stable in the Palace vacated by the Victoria College was converted into servants quarters at a cost of Rs. 3,160.

(l) *Improvement of Mr. Oakley's Bungalow.*—The final adjustment was made. The total cost of the work was Rs. 3,330 against an estimate of Rs. 3,407.

(m) *Electric light Installation in the Palace.*—The Installation of the Electric light plants in the new house with a new booster, an improved battery and a marble switch board was completed during the year. The boiler tubes were replaced by new ones.

The total cost of rewiring and providing a new Engine shed was Rs. 19,929 of which Rs. 15,645 represent the amount of Messrs Osler & Cos'. bill and the rest local charges.

(n) *A stair-case in the Palace.*—A pucca stair-case from the ground floor to Her Highness's kitchen in the 1st floor and a circular stair case to get to the roof of the kitchen were constructed at a cost of Rs. 403.

53. *Original Works, Forest in general.*—The provision under this head was Rs. 1,500.

54. *Game Reserve.*—For better control and management of the Reserve at Garadhât the boundaries and wide fire lines are being laid and guards employed. An expenditure of Rs. 3,162 was adjusted during the year. This includes the amount spent for the conservancy of the Forest at Patlakhawa. The total cost under Forest was Rs. 6,879.

55. *Repairs, Civil Buildings.*—The statement given below shews the expenditure under different heads as compared with that of the previous years :—

Classification of public buildings	*Expenditure in* 1905-06			*Expenditure in* 1906-07			*Expenditure in* 1907-08		
	Annual.	Petty	Total	Annual	Petty	Total	Annual	Petty	Total
	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs.	Rs.
I (a) Palace and connected buildings.				11,380	76	11,456	11,826	182	12,008
(b) Woodlands.	24,629	597	25,226	10,448	.....	10,448	16,848	.....	16,848
(c) Colinton ...				43,127	.....	43,127	11,933	.....	11,933
II Private Residences ...	2,330	1,690	4,020	2,775	1,650	4,425	2,217	2,372	4,589
III. Court Houses ...	106	638	744	2,541	895	3,436	608	524	1,132
IV Medical	698	170	868	533	338	871	1,308	97	1,405
V. Educational	331	550	881	.....	718	718	1,413	477	1,890
VI. Police and Military ...	285	256	541	263	256	519	463	74	537
VII. Government Offices—Post and Telegraph Offices.	421	8	429	493	.....	493	499	.....	499
VIII. Public Works ...	730	175	905	2,100	152	2,252	.....	514	514
IX. Dâk-Bungalows and Rest Houses.	.....	334	334	.....	514	514	1,463	65	1,528
X. Religious Ecclesiastical ...	1,259	97	1,356	1,786	19	1,805	1,869	52	1,921
XI Jail and Lock-ups ...	.....	262	262	879	140	1,019	642	296	938
XII. Miscellaneous ...	3,103	280	3,383	917	743	1,660	988	580	1,563
XIII Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	470	.....	470	446	.....	446	832	.....	832
Total ...	34,362	5,067	39,429	77,688	5,496	83,184	52,904	5,233	58,137

56. *Palace, Cooch Behar, Calcutta and Darjeeling with out-houses and connected buildings.*—The usual repairs were done to the Palace and connected buildings at a cost of Rs. 12,008.

57. *Woodlands.*—The expenditure on repairs and other works done at Woodlands amounted to Rs. 16,848.

Arrangements were made for storage and distribution of unfiltered water at a cost Rs. 1,710.

Two Syce's cook-sheds 62′ × 11′ divided into 20 rooms on brick walls at the back and brick-nogging walls between the supporting iron joists with Burn & Cos., tiled roofing were constructed during the year.

The English kitchen was thoroughly overhauled. Two thick brick pillars were removed and iron pillars substituted. The floor was laid with artificial stone paving and a part of it was paved with marble tiles. New washing places and drains were provided and old doors and windows were replaced by new ones.

58. *Colinton.*—The cost of repairs and other works done at Colinton during the year together with establishment, taxes and garden was Rs. 11,933 of which Rs. 2,589 was for original works and Rs. 4,765 for repairs.

The principal works done during the year were as follows:—

The removing of Dhobi's Hill.—The work which was commenced last year was completed during the year at a cost of Rs. 1,571.

The earth obtained from the cutting was utilised in extending the Tennis Court which necessitated the construction of a revetment wall 166ft. in length and of an average height of 10ft.

A godown, 20ft. × 10ft., was constructed at Colinton.

Your Highness' bath-room which was a small one was dismantled and re-constructed on steel joists with corrugated iron roofing and walling and cement floor.

The Latrines at Colinton and Prospect House were removed.

The total cost of repairs to the Civil buildings &c. (exclusive of Woodlands and Colinton) was Rs. 29,356, against Rs. 29,608 in the preceding year, including M[illegible] and Military.

II.—Miscellaneous Public Improvement.

59. *Tanks and wells in Mofussil, &c.*—Six tanks, 64 pucca wells, 28 Ranigunj pipe-wells and 19 tube-wells were maintained at a cost of Rs. 832 against Rs. 446 in the preceding year.

New tube-wells were sunk during the year in different parts, some on the hire-purchase system and some on the requisition of the authorities for the prevention of cholera.

The damage done to the tube-wells during the year was very great, consequently a large expenditure was incurred on repairs.

60. *Tools and Plant.*—Several tools were purchased during the year.

The cost of repairs to the tools and plant was Rs. 2,398 against Rs. 2,054 in the preceding year.

61. *Artisans School.*—The value of work done during the year was Rs. 12,330-14-1 against Rs. 12,757-13-6 in the previous year.

62. *State carts.*—6381 carts worked during the year and 1094½ did not work, the bullocks being ill. Six carts were purchased during the year at a cost of Rs. 558. The cost of maintenance of the carts and bullocks was Rs. 6,435. 6½ pairs of bullocks were purchased: three pairs were sold and three pairs died during the year.

63. *Municipal and Contribution works.*—The works under this head will be found in the Statement O, hereto appended. The following works were undertaken during the year:—

(*a.*) *Well at Nilkuti.*—A masonry well, 7ft. in diameter and 30ft. in depth was sunk close to the level crossing on Moharanee's Road at Nilkuti. A pump and a reservoir with a tiled roof have been provided with six taps for taking water at a cost of Rs. 1,390.

The Fund was provided by the sale of a property left by Ram Charan Pandit deceased.

(b.) *Bagmara well.*—A small pucca well, 4ft. in diameter, was sunk in Bagmara Taluk on the New Mathabhanga Road at a cost of Rs. 387, provided by the daughter of one Amar Nath Deota to commemorate her father's memory.

(c.) *Tobacco Garden.*—A godown, 40ft. × 20ft. with corrugated iron roofing on steel joists, lath plaster walls, planked flooring and glazed doors, &c. was constructed for the storage of cured tobacco in the tobacco plantation at a cost of Rs. 2,575 against an estimate of Rs. 2,584.

(d.) *Chemical benches and fittings, Victoria College.*—Six chemical, Ten physical benches and many other fittings were provided in the Victoria College. The fund was made up of a saving of Rs. 3,529 in the grant for the College building and Rs. 1,770 contributed by the Principal, Victoria College. The works could not be completed during the year. There was a balance of Rs. 1,134 available at the close of the year.

(e.) *Mekliganj Town Drain.*—A kutcha drain, 1¼ miles in length, was constructed to the east of the town at a cost of Rs. 182.

(f.) *Purchase of Steam Roller.*—Since the close of the last year a truck on iron wheels, sidings of corrugated iron sheets with gears for traction engine and an engine shed have been provided and the account closed.

(g.) *Metalling roads in the Mathabhanga Town.*—Rs. 3,067 was paid by the Mathabhanga Municipality for metalling certain roads in the town. The work could not be completed during the year for want of bricks.

(h.) *Pucca well, Tufanganj School compound.*—A well, 3 feet in diameter of single brick ring, was constructed in the compound of the Tufanganj School at a cost of Rs. 100.

III.—Communication Improvement Fund.

64. This is the 15th year since the creation of the Fund. The Budget grant for the year was Rs. 76,142 and the expenditure was 75,322-13-7 against Rs 64,204 in the preceding year.

The receipts of the year were Rs. 619 against Rs. 416 of the last year.

Statement N. hereto appended, will shew the mileage of roads in the State and the cost incurred on them during the year and the Statement M. will shew the details of works done.

65. *Original Works.*—The total cost of original works done during the year was Rs 23,655 against Rs. 27,160 in the previous year and the budget provision of Rs. 25,076 –

(a.) *Shutanga Bridge.*—The bridge was completed last year and the final adjustment was made during the year. The total cost was Rs. 35,918 against an estimate of Rs. 35,592.

(b.) *Pucca Bridge west of Haldibari.*—Two spans of 25 feet were added to the Boora Tista Bridge to the west of Haldibari. The cost adjusted during the year was Rs. 1,622 against the estimate of Rs. 2,664.

(c.) *Sluice Gate at Mathabhanga.*—For the restoration of the sluice gate over the Emigration Road for the drainage of the Mathabhanga Town, which was damaged by the flood in August 1906, the State contributed Rs 600 and the local municipality Rs. 400. The work was completed within the estimate.

(d.) *Metalling a portion of the Khagrabari Road and improving the Road up to Baneswar.*—Stone metalling on a brick flat, 6 inch thick, has been done at Khagrabari for a distance of 2963 rft. besides 460 rft.

of metalling done to the approaches of the Dudua and Bowti bridges. One pucca bridge with two spans of 15 feet each and a culvert 10 feet span have been constructed on the 5th and 6th miles. The road has been raised at the 6th mile. The expenditure was Rs. 7,041 against an estimate of Rs. 7,086.

(*e.*) *Pucca Culverts to replace Bamboo and Corrugated Iron Culverts.*—The following culverts were constructed during the year:—

6 FEET SPANS.

Cross Road from Dinhata to Mekligunj, 18th mile	1
Janaki Tewari Road, 8th mile (under construction)	1
Purbabhag Road, 30th mile	1
Cooch Behar Garadhat Road, 14th mile	1
Ratherdanga village path, 1st mile	1
Chowdhurihat Road, ...	1
Lowkuty Road, 18th mile	1

4 FEET SPANS.

Shahebgunj Road, ...	2
Balarampur Road, 3rd and 14th mile	2

10 FEET SPANS.

Chowdhurihat Road	1

The amount adjusted during the year was Rs 5,020 against the estimate of Rs. 6,019 and a provision of Rs. 5,500.

(*f.*) *Two bridges on Manabari Road.*—It was proposed to build two bridges of 3 spans each about 80 ft. and 76 ft., one at the 9th and another at the 12th mile of this road to replace the temporary bamboo bridges with the old materials of the Dolong Bridge damaged by the flood in 1906. As all the materials could not be recovered and some were damaged, new materials had to be used in the construction and the design altered. The site for the bridge at the 9th mile had to be changed on account of a gap which was deepening in the rains. The adjustments during the year were Rs. 7,405 against the estimate of Rs. 7,678.

66. *Establishment.*—The following establishment was maintained during the year:—

	Rs.
Public Works	24,879
Artisans' School	1,164
Chaklajat	928
Woodlands	641
Darjeeling	1,182
Total ...	28,794

The works done are as follows:—

	Rs.
Public Works	1,10,768
Road Fund	76,142
Chaklajat	8,250
Woodlands	16,207
Darjeeling (P. W. portion only)	10,751
Artisans' School	12,331
Contribution Works	14,900
Miscellaneous	7,282
Total ...	2,56,631

Percentage of establishment on works done was 11·22.

VI.—Chaklajat Public Works Department.

67. The total grant for the Chaklajat Estates for the year was Rs. 9,800 and the expenditure was Rs. 9,179 against Rs. 9,860 in the preceding year.

68. The abstract of works done during this and the previous year is given below :—

Items.		Expenditure 1906-1907.	Expenditure 1907-1908.
		Rs.	Rs.
Original Works, Civil buildings	...	4,442	4,786
Repairs	...	4,456	3,465
Establishment and Contingency	...	962	928
Total	...	9,860	9,179

69. The following original works were done during the year.

(*a*) *Burkandazes shed.*—The construction of a Burkandazes shed and the conversion of the old one into a record room were completed during the year at a cost of Rs. 1,169 against the estimate of Rs. 1,388.

(*b*) *Out-houses in Bodeswari Temple.*—Four corrugated iron roofed sheds were constructed at a total cost of Rs. 1,466 against Rs. 1,424 the estimated amount.

(*c*) *Corrugated Iron roofed Kutchery at Sonahar.*—A house, 25′ × 15′ with one out-house, 15′ × 10′ was constructed with corrugated iron roof, brick-nogging walls and Pucca floor at a cost of Rs. 1,238.

(*d*) *Corrugated Iron roofed Kutchery at Chandrahat.*—The house is similar to the Sonahar Kutchery and cost Rs. 1,333.

70. *Repairs.*—The total expenditure on repairs was Rs. 3465-2-4 against Rs. 4456 in the preceding year.

The usual statements K. L. M. N. O. P. showing details of works done during the year by this department are given in the appendix.

V.—EDUCATION.

I.—Primary and Secondary Education.

71. Babu Bhuban Mohan Dutt, was in charge of this Department of Education throughout the year. Babu Jogendra Prosad Neogy, B.A., Deputy Inspector of Schools, who was in charge of the Mathabhanga and Mekligunj Circle, was deputed to act as Head Master of the Mekligunj School and was subsequently transferred to the State Council Office. He was succeeded by Babu Jagadish Chandra Sen, B.A., who joined his appointment on the 15th March 1908.

72. *Summary of the year's work.*—The statement below summarises the result of the year's working :—

Class	1906-1907			1907-1908			Expenditure 1907-1908.			Total.		
	No. of Institutions	No. of pupils on 31st March 1906	Average daily attendance.	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1907.	Average daily attendance.	From the State.			From fees and subscriptions.					
							Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
I.—*State Institutions*—															
Middle Class Vernacular	12	878	578	12	918	590	3,251	2	6	1,829	3	3	5,080	5	9
Total	12	878	578	12	918	590	3,251	2	6	1,829	3	3	5,080	5	9
II.—*Grant-in-aid Schools*—															
Higher Class English ..	3	510	371	3	526	375	5,016	7	0	6,346	5	8	11,362	12	8
Middle Class English ...	11	463	319	12	511	320	3,189	4	7	3,512	15	1	6,702	3	8
Ditto Vernacular	14	649	401	14	706	407	2,263	8	0	2,340	10	8	4,604	2	8
Total ...	28	1,622	1,091	29	1,743	1,102	10,469	3	7	12,199	15	5	22,669	3	0
III.—*Primary Schools*—															
Upper Primary ...	35	1,452	973	32	1,322	925	2,188	0	0	1,869	3	6	4,057	3	6
Lower Primary ...	130	4,497	2,991	133	4,648	3,171	4,579	8	0	5,667	8	0	10,247	0	0
Night Schools ...	13	23[illegible]	154	11	204	143	256	0	0	56	0	0	312	0	0
Girls' Schools ...	3	66	43	4	88	56	78	0	0	.....			78	0	0
Total ...	181	6,245	4,161	180	6,262	4,295	7,101	8	0	7,592	11	6	14,694	3	6
IV.—*Private Schools*—															
Upper Primary	.....	.....	.	1	20	17	.....			19	0	0	19	0	0
Lower Primary ...	61	1,957	1,397	65	2,174	1,615	.....			2,679	8	0	2,679	8	0
Night Schools ...	20	314	204	21	357	209	.....			193	0	0	193	0	0
Girls' Schools ...	1	16	10	5	52	39	.....			41	0	0	41	0	0
Muktabs	2	70	55	5	132	89	.....			312	0	0	312	0	0
Total ...	84	2,357	1,666	97	2,735	1,969	.....			3,244	8	0	3,244	8	0
Grand Total ...	305	11,102	7,496	318	11,658	7,956	20,821	14	1	24,866	6	2	45,688	3	4

From the foregoing table it will be seen that on the 31st March, 1908 there were 318 Primary and Secondary Schools in the State against 305 in 1906-07 with a nominal roll call and an average daily attendance of 11,658 and 7,956, respectively, against 11,102 and 7,496, respectively, in 1906-07.

There was an increase of 13 Schools and the nominal roll call and daily average attendance increased by 556 and 460, respectively, during the year.

The number of Model Schools in the State during the year was 12 against the same number in the preceding year.

73. *Progress of education in the State as judged by the results of the Public Examinations.*—The following table shews the results of the several classes of schools in the State in the different public examinations in 1906-07 and 1907-08:—

Class of Examination.	1906-1907.						1907-1908.					
	No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	Number Passed.				No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	Number Passed.			
			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
University Entrance	3	15	3	7	2	12	3	13	1	2	5	8
Middle English ...	9	24	2	4	3	9	10	29	6	5	3	14
Middle Vernacular ...	31	71	2	10	11	23	26	57	4	21	..	25
Ditto, Female	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	.	...	..	...	...
Upper Primary	58	124	1	16	25	42	56	155	3	21	26	50
Ditto, Female ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	.
Lower Primary	211	473	156	122	...	278	190	494	177	112	..	289
Ditto, Female ...	5	13	7	3	...	10	9	19	7	6	.	13
Sanskrit	1	1	...	...	1	1	5	5	..	...	*1	1
Total	319	722	171	163	42	376	299	772	198	167	35	400

* No division for this.

To the last Entrance Examination of the Calcutta University the three Sub-divisional Higher English Schools sent up 13 candidates, of whom eight passed, against 15 sent up in the preceding year, of whom 12 passed. One of the thirteen passed was placed in the 1st Division, two in the 2nd Division and five in the 3rd Division. In the Competitive Examinations for the Middle and Upper Primary Scholarships the Cooch Behar Schools passed 14 Middle English, 25 Middle Vernacular and 50 Upper Primary Scholars against 9, 23 and 42 in the preceding year. 77 per cent. of those that obtained Scholarships were Natives of the State. 19 Girls were sent up to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations and 13 of them came out successful, seven in the First Division and six in the Second. In the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations conducted by the Local Boards of Examiners 302 candidates passed against 288 of the preceding year.

At the last Sanskrit Scholarship Examination five candidates appeared from the Sanskrit Toles: one of these was awarded the Temple Scholarship and the four others obtained prizes.

74. *Sub-divisional Higher English Schools.*—At the close of the year, the three Sub-divisional Higher English Schools had on their rolls 526 pupils against 510 in the preceding year, and the average daily attendance was 375 against 371 in the preceding year. The number of boys increased by 16 and the average daily attendance by 4. The number of boys increased in the Mekligunj and Mathabhanga Schools by 12 and 5, respectively, and decreased by one in the Dinhata School. The financial condition of these schools was satisfactory. The total collection of fees and fines in these schools amounted to Rs. 5,183-2 against Rs. 4,901-5-9 in the preceding year.

The expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 11,362-12-8. Of this Rs. 5,016-7 was paid by the State and Rs. 6,346-5-8 was met from several local sources. The expenditure on these schools was Rs. 11,098-7-6 in the preceding year.

The teaching staff of the Dinhata and Mathabhanga Higher English Schools has been strengthened by the appointment of additional graduate teachers, and a similar addition is to be made to the Mekligunj School. Some useful additions were made during the year to the libraries of these schools.

A Boarding House in connection with the Dinhata Higher English School was constructed at a cost of Rs. 2,676, of which Rs. 1,000 was paid by the State and Rs. 1,676 raised by subscriptions.

A monthly grant-in-aid of Rs. 26 has been sanctioned for the maintenance of each of the Boarding establishments connected with the Higher English schools at Mathabhanga, Dinhata, Mekligunj and the Middle English School at Tufangunj. On the occasion of Your Highness' visit to Mathabhanga, Your Highness and the Maharaj Kumars sanctioned a munificent donation for additional accommodation in the Mathabhanga Boarding and this was supplemented by a grant from the State to complete this house. Since the close of the year large sums have been sanctioned for additions to the Boarding and the School at Mathabhanga and for a suitable Boarding at Mekligunj.

75. *Middle English Schools.*—The number of regular Middle Schools remained the same as last year *i.e.*, 11. There was an increase of one in the number of English classes attached to Vernacular schools. An English class was attached to the Kotebhajni Middle Vernacular school. The number of pupils on the rolls of these schools on the 31st March 1908 was 511 with an average daily attendance of 320 against 463 and 319, respectively, in the preceding year. The expenditure on these Schools amounted to Rs. 6,702-3-8 against Rs. 6,270-1-1 of the preceding year. Of this Rs 3,189-4-7 was paid by the State and the balance Rs. 3,512-15-1 met from fees and local subscriptions. The increased contribution from the State was due to the entertainment of another English teacher in the Sudder Model School.

Twenty-nine candidates from these schools were sent up last year to the Middle English, eleven to the Middle Vernacular and twenty-five to the Upper Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of these 14 passed in the Middle English, 6 in the Middle Vernacular and 14 in the Upper Primary. The results were satisfactory.

76. *State Model Schools.*—The number of these schools remained the same *i.e.*, 12, as in the preceding year. The number on the rolls of these schools on the 31st March, 1908, was 918 and the average daily attendance 590 against 878 and 578, respectively, of 1906-07.

The expenditure on the Model Schools amounted to Rs. 5,080-5-9 of which Rs. 3,251-2-6 was paid by the State and the rest met from fees and subscriptions against Rs. 4,964-13-7 in the preceding year, of which Rs. 3,239-1-10 was paid by the State and the rest Rs. 1,725-11-9 met from fines and subscriptions.

Fifty-two candidates were sent up from these schools to the last Middle and Upper Primary Scholarship Examinations against 48 in the preceding year. Fourteen of these came out successful. The result was not satisfactory. It is the outcome of the small value which is attached at present to the Middle Vernacular Pass Certificate.

77. *Middle Vernacular Aided Schools.*—On the 31st March last there were 14 Middle Vernacular Grant-in-aid Schools the same as in the preceding year. They had a nominal roll of 706 pupils, and an average daily attendance of 407 as against 649 and 401, respectively, in the preceding year.

The Expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 4,604-2-8 of which Rs. 2,263-8 was paid by the State and the rest Rs. 2,340-10-8 was met from fees and subscriptions against Rs. 3,890-6-11 in the preceding year of which Rs. 2,248 was paid by the State and Rs. 1,642-6-11 was met from local sources.

Twenty-three candidates were sent up from these schools to the last Middle and Upper Primary Scholarship Examinations; of these 10 came out successful The results were fair.

78. *Special Schools.*—On the 31st March last there were three special schools in the State, *viz.*, the Sunity College for girls, the Nagri School for up-country boys and the Persian School for Mahomedans.

To the last Lower Primary Scholarship Examination, the Nagri School sent up one candidate to be examined in the Text books prescribed for the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination of the Patna Division. He passed the Examination in the First Division.

79. *Upper Primary Schools.*—There were 33 Upper Primary Schools in the State on the 31st March last against 35 in the preceding year. The schools had a nominal roll of 1342 pupils against 1452 in the preceding year, and an average daily attendance of 942 against 973 in the preceding year.

The expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 4,076-3-6 against Rs. 4,239-13 in the preceding year. Of this Rs. 2,188 was paid by the State and Rs. 1,888-3-6 met from local sources.

To the last Upper Primary Scholarship Examination 155 boys were sent up in October last. Of these 75 were from the Middle Schools and 80 from the Upper Primary and Lower Primary Schools. 50 or 30 per cent. were successful, against 35 per cent. in the preceding year.

80. *Lower Primary Schools.*—On the 31st March 1908 the number of Lower Primary Schools in the State was 198: of these 133 were aided and 65 unaided against 191, 130, and 61, [illegible], in the preceding year.

There were 6822 pupils on the rolls of these schools on the 31st March last, against 6454 in the preceding year. The average daily attendance was 4786 against 4388 in the preceding year. The average strength of each Pathsala improved last year from 33·79 to 34·45 and the average attendance from 22·9 to 24·1.

The expenditure on these institutions was Rs. 12,926-8 of which Rs. 4,579-8 was paid by the State and Rs. 8,347 by the people.

One hundred and ninety-eight Lower Primary Schools sent up 513 candidates last year against 216 schools that sent up 486 candidates in the preceding year for the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination. Leaving out 48 absentees, 302 of the 465 candidates that were examined passed the examination. Of the successful candidates 184 were placed in the First Division and 118 in the Second Division. The Superintendents of the Examination in the different centres distributed, with my sanction, Rs. 456 as rewards to Gurus and their pupils on the result of this Examination.

81. *Night Schools.*—At the end of the year there were 32 Night Schools in the State against 33 in the preceding year. Of these 11 were aided and 21 unaided.

There were 561 pupils on the roll of the 32 Night Schools against 544 pupils on the roll of the 33 Night Schools in the preceding year, and the average daily attendance of these schools was 352 against 358 in the preceding year.

The expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 505 of which Rs. 256 was paid by the State and Rs. 249 raised from local sources.

The Night Schools sent up 44 candidates to the last Lower Primary Scholarship Examination and of these 35 passed. These results were very satisfactory.

82. *Girls' Schools.*—At the end of the year under report there were 9 Lower Primary Girls' Schools in the State, of which 4 were aided and 5 unaided against 3 aided and one unaided in the preceding year. There were 140 pupils on the rolls of these 9 Lower Primary Girls' Schools and 95 of these attended daily on an average. These 9 Girls' Schools with the Sunity College and the three Sub-Divisional Schools make up 13 Girls' Schools in the State. The total number of girls under instruction in the State, inclusive of those on the

rolls of the Sunity College and the Sub-Divisional Schools, was 431 at the end of the year.

The expenditure on the Lower Primary Girls' Schools amounted last year to Rs. 119 of which Rs. 78 was paid by the State and Rs. 41 raised from other sources. Last year 13 girls passed the Lower Primary Examination out of 19 sent up. Two of them headed the lists of the successful candidates in the Sudder and Mathabhanga centres, and obtained scholarships.

The Sunity College for girls at Sudder had 140 pupils on its roll. Of these 61 attended daily on an average. To the last Lower Primary Examination 8 girls were sent up from the Sunity College; of these 6 passed; one of them stood first in the general list for the Sudder circle and obtained a scholarship.

The total expenditure on the Sunity College last year amounted to Rs. 1,230 against Rs. 711-0-8 in the preceding year.

Under the orders of Your Highness the Sunity College was placed under the direct control of a Committee which took over charge of the institution on the 1st May 1908.

83. *Expenditure on Primary and Secondary Education.*—The total expenditure during the year on Primary and Secondary Education in the State amounted to Rs. 15,688-4-3 of which Rs. 20,821-14-1 was paid by the State and Rs. 21,866-6-2 raised from local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 12,716-3-1, Rs 20,285-5 and Rs 22,160-14-1.

The charges for inspection and control amounted to Rs. 6,171-6-3 against Rs. 6,633-3-2 in the preceding year.

84. The miscellaneous charges and those for scholarships and rewards amounted to Rs 3,167-12-10 against Rs. 4,323-1-6 in the preceding year. The decrease was due to the fact that no expenditure was incurred during the year for training of Pathsala Gurus.

85. Babu Bhuban Mohan Dutt, Inspector of Schools, discharged his duties most efficiently.

II.—Victoria College.

86. *Number on the Rolls.*—Including "failed" students for the whole year the average monthly number was 188·5 against 255, 249 and 257 in the three preceding years. Under the new Regulations "failed" students are required to attend for full 12 months instead of six. The number on the roll on the 31st March 1908 was 178 against 257 on the corresponding date in the preceding year. There was a decrease of 31 per cent. in the roll number; which was due to the introduction of tuition fees in the general department of the College during the year under report The new Regulations, with their higher standards, have barred out a large number of students from the University who under old conditions would have read for a degree and have now betaken themselves to Institutions of Technical Education.

During the year 135 students (including one private student) were admitted into the general department against 186, 239 and 216 in the three preceding years. Of these 64 were admitted into the 1st, 3rd and 5th year classes and 70 into the 2nd and 4th year classes.

The largest number on the roll (reached in September 1907) was 190 against 275, 283 and 287 in the three preceding years.

87. *College fees, Free-studentships and stipends.*—A monthly tuition fee of Rs. 3 was introduced in the general department from June 1907. This has led to a considerable reduction in the nominal strength of the College. The number of paying students in the College on the 31st March 1908 was 115. Of the 178 students in the general department on the roll on the 31st March 1908, 63 (*i.e.* 35 per cent.) were free students.

88. *Students' Residences.*—The students of the College not living with their guardians lived in recognised lodgings under the provisions of the new University Regulations. Besides the Collegiate Hostel and the Brahmo

Boarding House, the following students' residences secured licenses from the University after due inspection and report, the Assam Mess, Flora Cot, Santi Kutir, and the Union Mess. Each of these was licensed as an unattached mess but remained under Collegiate supervision. Much difficulty was experienced in starting the messes owing to the want of suitable houses in Cooch Behar.

89. *Changes in the staff.*—Babu Brojendra Nath Seal, the Principal, returned from medical leave on the 22nd April 1907 and took over charge of the College from Babu Upendra Narain Sinha, M.A., Professor of Mathematics. Babu Tara Prasanna Das Gupta, Laboratory Assistant, was on privilege leave from the 20th August to the 19th September 1907. Babu Kedar Nath Biswas, 2nd-clerk, officiated for him from the 22nd August to the 19th September and Babus Debi Prasanna Sen and Mohim Chandra Deb officiated as 2nd clerk from the 22nd August to the 5th September 1907 and from the 9th to the 19th September 1907 respectively.

Babu Tara Prasanna went on medical leave on the 12th November 1907. Babu Kedar Nath Biswas again officiated as Laboratory Assistant from the 13th November 1907 and Babu Mohim Chandra Deb as 2nd-Clerk from the same date. Babu Tara Prasanna Das Gupta was transferred to the post of 6th Master of the Jenkins School on his own pay from the 1st March 190- and Babu Kedar Nath Biswas and Mohim Chandra Deb were confirmed in the posts of Laboratory Assistant and 2nd-clerk respectively.

90. *New Appointments.*—The post of the Professor of History was created in 1906-07 and it was decided that the Professor should also be Bursar in charge of the accounts. Babu Pramatha Nath Banerji, M.A., was appointed on these terms on the 1st July 1907 but he resigned on the 16th July 1907 when Babu Haripada Pande, M.A., was appointed on probation for six months. The latter has been confirmed in the post.

The new Regulations encourage constant use of the College Library by the students. A whole time Librarian was appointed on a salary of Rs. 20 per month.

91. *Increment of Pay.*—Babu Joy Gopal Banerji, M.A., Professor of English, having received an appointment in the Provincial Educational Service under the Eastern Bengal and Assam Government, it was thought desirable in the interest of the College to retain his services, and this was done by raising his pay from Rs. 200 to Rs. 250 per month with effect from the 1st December 1907. It was also decided that the Professor drawing the highest pay should be considered the Senior Professor in the College and accordingly Babu Joy Gopal holds that status in the College.

The pay of the Head-clerk was raised from Rs 25 to Rs 40—2—50 from the 11th November 1907 The pay of the Duftry was also raised from Rs 10 to Rs 12 a month.

The pay of the Law-Lecturer was raised from Rs 80 to Rs 100 per month with effect from the 1st July 1907.

Babu Kamal Krishna Dutt, B.L., continues to act as Law-Lecturer, and the question of his confirmation in the post will come up in connection with the affiliation of the College in the Faculty of Law.

92. *Receipts and Expenditure.*—The following statement shews the receipts and expenditure in the general Department for the year:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Average monthly number	188·5		
Establishment	24,594	15	8
Library and Laboratory	3,399	7	2
Contingencies	551	9	3
Gymnastics	103	4	9
Extraordinary charges	53	0	0
Total expenditure	28,702	4	10
Receipts	4,491	0	0
State grant	24,211	4	10
Cost of educating each student	152	4	3
Cost of educating each student to the State	128	7	1

The total expenditure in the general department amounted to Rs. 28,702-4-10 in the year under report against Rs 25,299-4-2 in the preceding year. This shews an excess of Rs. 3403-0-8 which was due to the additions made to the Professorial staff and the menial establishment and the further equipment of the laboratory. The actual establishment charges rose from Rs. 21,849-2-6 in 1906-07 to Rs. 24,594-15-8 in the year under report *i.e.* there was an increase of Rs. 2,745-13-2 of which Rs 1,200 is accounted for under the pay and allowance of the newly appointed Professor of History, Rs. 190 under increment to the salaries of the Professor of English and Chemistry, and Rs. 800 under the pay of the Professor of Chemistry who in the previous year had held the appointment for only 4 months. Of the balance, part is accounted for by the addition of a Librarian, two Laboratory Bearers and a Durwan to the subordinate and menial Establishment and part by the increment to the pay of the Head-clerk and the Duftry. Besides the Principal's long absence on medical leave in 1906-07 caused some saving in that year.

The receipts during the year rose from Rs 79-4 (in 1906-07) to Rs 4,491 (in 1907-08). This increase was due to the introduction of tuition fees in the College. The income from fees, &c. more than counterbalanced the increase in expenditure and the State grant fell from Rs 25,220-0-2 to Rs 24,211-4-10. The permanent advance of the College was raised from Rs 50 to R 100.

93 *Library and Laboratory* —The total expenditure on the Library and Laboratory (including the extraordinary grants) amounted to Rs 3,399-7-2. The ordinary grant was Rs 1,000.

94. *University Examinations.*—Three students appeared at the M.A. Examination in English. One of them a Mahomedan student came out successful and was placed in the 2nd class.

Nine students were sent up to the B.L. Examination in November 1907; eight appeared, of whom three passed in the 2nd division.

Sixty-seven appeared at the B.A. Examination of whom 22 passed.

Fifty-five students went up to the F.A. Examination of whom 4 passed in the first, 5 in the second and 12 in the third division, one being a Native of the State.

95. *Discipline.*—Discipline was generally maintained throughout the year. No case of gross misconduct was reported.

III.—JENKINS SCHOOL.

96. *Numerical Strength.*—The number of boys on the roll on the 31st March 1908 was 394 or the same number as on the corresponding date in the preceding year. Of these 100 or 25·4 per cent. were natives of Cooch Behar against 93 or 23·6 per cent. in the preceding year.

97. *Income.*—The income from fees and fines was Rs. 6,845-2-6 against Rs. 7,173-10 in the preceding year. The decrease of Rs. 328-7-6 was due to decrease in the number of students during the last session.

98. *Expenditure.*—The total expenditure amounted to Rs 13,387-3-5 against Rs. 11,640-14-4 in the preceding year. The expenditure of the year included bonus to officers and menials and house-rent of the Mohamedan Mess. The increase in expenditure was chiefly due to the appointment of four additional teachers during the year.

The net cost to the State in maintaining the school was Rs. 6,542-0-11 as against Rs. 4,467-4-4 in the preceding year.

99. *Tutorial Staff.*—Three senior teachers, one in English, one in Mathematics and one in Sanskrit, were added to the staff of the School, in the middle of the year, and one Bengalee teacher was appointed towards the close of the year.

The Head Master, Babu Uma Charan Roy, was in charge of the school throughout the year and discharged his duties very successfully.

100. *University Examination.*—Twenty-five students were sent up to the Entrance Examination held in March 1908 of whom 5 passed in the first, 9 in

the second and 9 in the third division. Two of the successful candidates were Natives of Cooch Behar.

In the examination held in March 1907, 27 students appeared, of whom 20 passed, one in the first division, 14 in the second division and 5 in the third division.

These results are satisfactory and reflect credit on the teaching staff.

101. *Discipline*—No case of gross misconduct on the part of the boys was reported during the year.

102. *Physical Education.*—The boys of the school were taught physical drill. Foot-ball is their favourite game Prizes are awarded for proficiency in physical exercises.

103. *Rajgun Boarding*—The statement below will shew the allotment and expenditure on the Rajgun Boarding:—

	Years					
	1906 1907			1907 1908		
	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P
Allotment	3,360	0	0	3,726	0	0
Expenditure	3,314	0	0	3,339	8	9

Two of the boarders appeared at the F. A. Examination: one passed in the 3rd division.

The services of the Tutor Babu Gobinda Sankar Sarbadhakya were dispensed with and Babu Sarat Chandra Sircar was appointed in his place.

VI.—MEDICAL.

104. Captain E A. Walker, I. M. S., was in charge of the Department from the beginning of the year till the 11th November 1907. Dr. Nield Cook, who succeeded him, joined his appointment on the 15th November 1907 and held charge till the end of the year.

105. *General Health of the State.*—The Sudder and the Mathabhanga Sub-Divisions were much affected by the out-break of cholera during the year. Of 2167 cases of cholera reported during the year, against 1816 in the previous year, 2067 occurred in the above two Sub-Divisions. Efforts are being made to place tube-wells within easy reach of the people on the hire-purchase system. Rs. 800 were sanctioned for the purchase of tube-wells in 1907-08. Since the close of the year, Rs. 2,000 have been sanctioned for the purchase of more tube-wells and arrangements have been made to sink them in cholera infected parts on the requisitions of the Naib Ahilkars and the Civil Surgeon and to sell as many as could be spared to private individuals on the hire-purchase and easy payment system. The demand for these wells is growing and has already exceeded the limit restricted by the supply for which provision has been made in the budget for 1908-09. Small-pox was prevalent in the Sudder Sub-Division. Of 665 cases reported during the year as against 132 in the previous year, 649 occurred in Sudder. Cases of malarial fever numbered 10,668 against 9564 in 1906-07.

Statement Q appended shews the mortality amongst in-door patients in the several hospitals of the State. The percentage of deaths during the year was 7·06 against 10·78 of the previous year.

Statement R shews the attendance at the different hospitals and dispensaries The total number of out-patients during the year was 35,183 against 31,676 in the preceding year and that of in-door patients was 1,158 against 934.

106. *Operations.*—Statement S shews the number nature, and results of major operations performed in the Sudder Hospital. There were 34 operations against 15 in the preceding year.

107. *Prevailing diseases.*—Statement T shews the most prevalent diseases and the results obtained in their treatment.

108. *Vaccination.*—Statement U shews the number of persons vaccinated and the results obtained during the year. The total number of personf vaccinated was 18,227 against 17,798 in the previous year. The percentage os successful operations was 97·98 against 97·13 of the previous year. In some parts of the town it was made compulsory in the year under report.

109. Statement V shews the percentage of sex and class of patients treated in the hospitals. Statements W and X shew the average population, the sick and death rate of the Jail Hospital and the Police and Military Hospitals.

Statement Y shews the cost of the Medical Department.

Statement Z shews the total rainfall during the year.

110. *Vital Statistics.*—The Statement below shews the percentage of births and deaths per mille in the town of Cooch Behar for the last three years:—

	Births.	Deaths.
1905-06	16·92	20·46
1906-07	11·95	18·64
1907-08	20·36	15·68

111. *Summary.*—The number of hospitals and dispensaries in the State remained the same. The total cost of the State for this Department was Rs. 34,372-11-4 against Rs. 36,192 in the previous year. During the year the number of patients who received medical aid at these dispensaries was 36,341 against 35,610 in the previous year.

Since the close of the year, in-door accommodation has been opened at the Haldibari Dispensary.

AGRICULTURE.

112. Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik continued to be in charge of the farm throughout the year.

113. The area of the farm was extended to about 180 bighas, of which 150 bighas were put under tobacco. Paddy was cultivated in about 15 bighas and cotton in about 4 bighas. The farms, buildings and out-houses occupied the remaining 11 bighas.

114. The lands were chiefly manured with cow-dung. A dressing of Glasgow manure was given to some 40 bighas of tobacco lands at the rate of 2 cwts. per bigha; it is however too costly to be profitably used. An adequate supply of cow-dung to manure the whole 150 bighas of tobacco land could not be obtained though arrangements were made to procure the manure from Dinhata and Rajabhatkhawa by ballast trains. In consideration of the costliness of all artificial manures, we have to depend solely upon cowdung as our source of manure and the extent of cultivation will be limited by the quantity of manure we can procure. It is useless to put lands under tobacco unless they can be suitably manured.

115. As usual fresh seeds were indented for from America and altogether seven varieties of foreign tobacco were tried. The best results were obtained from the Yellow Prior, an American tobacco.

116. Seeds were sown in the beds in September and at the same time preparation of the lands to receive the seedlings was commenced. Transplantation took place between the 15th October and the 15th December. Harvesting began on the 28th January and the whole tobacco was cut and fire-cured by the end of the 3rd week of April 1908. The whole operation of the cultivation and curing of the tobacco thus took about 8 months of the year.

117. Most of the tobacco was cured by fire in two fire curing houses, one of which, the bigger one, was built within the year at a cost of Rs. 7,262. The first curings of the year were not very successful, but about the middle of

the season the right method of fire-curing yellow tobacco was hit upon, and thenceforward the cured leaves were almost without exception of a nice yellow colour. The Government of Eastern Bengal and Assam lent us for a fortnight the services of Mr. J. N. Chakrabarti, Agricultural Supervisor. He made two experiments in fire-curing with our tobacco in the American methods. Profiting by these experiments and making certain allowances for the local climatic conditions, the Manager succeeded in turning out a bright yellow tobacco, being the required colour for cigarette tobacco. Tobacco experts from the Peninsular Tobacco Company, Monghyr, came here to see the tobacco, and as a result they bought the whole crop including the black stuff from the previous unsuccessful curings at an average price of Rs. 15 per maund. So far as the colour was concerned, the experiment was thus a success. It remains to be seen what report is obtained from the Monghyr factory about the quality.

118. The yield of tobacco was rather poor and was only 230 maunds. The manager gives the following reasons for the poor result :—

(1.) The unsatisfactory weather conditions prevailing in the year which retarded growth of plants.

(2.) Insufficiency of manure.

(3.) Failure in the growth of the yellow tobacco plants and the very poor growth obtained from plots transplanted late in the season. The native cultivators have similarly got a poor yield of their crop this year.

119. One big curing shed and a godown with corrugated iron roofs, and lath-plaster walls was built during the year. The cutcha sheds were all kept in repairs.

120. A mixed labour force of local labourers and upcountrymen was employed in the farm. In October and November, the fever season, difficulty was experienced in procuring sufficient labour, but afterwards there was no want of men. Both cart and plough bullocks were purchased and unlike the year previous, most of the draft work was done by our own animals.

121. To keep the farm hands engaged during the slack season (June to August) subsidiary crops, *viz*, jute, paddy and maize were cultivated. Their outturn was as follows :—

	Maunds
Jute	89
Maize	61
Paddy	130

The jute is in store as the price suddenly fell. The paddy and the maize have both been sold off.

122. Cotton was cultivated in some 4 bighas of land. Experience, however, shewed that the climate of Cooch Behar was not suited to this crop.

123. The old tobacco, which has since been sold at Calcutta for Rs. 2,000, was not sold within the year. The total receipt was thus only Rs. 674-7-3.

124. The total expenditure on the other hand was Rs. 24,277-12-11 under the following heads :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Godown and curing shed	9,437	12	7
Thatched sheds	468	13	9
Labour including ploughmen	6,245	15	0
Establishment	3,182	0	3
Cattle and their upkeep	2,022	9	0
Manure	1,293	6	6
Cotton cultivation	324	4	3
Contingencies including tools &c. and firewood	874	14	3
Miscellaneous	428	1	4
Total ...	24,277	12	11

PHILKHANA.

125. There were 29 elephants (including the 2 at Chaklajat) in the Philkhana Establishment. The total expenditure, including the grain compensation allowance, was Rs. 23,802-1-1. No elephants were purchased last year. Two elephants died during the year. A Kheda was held jointly with the Government under the direction of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Goalparah. Ten elephants were captured by our men. According to the terms of the agreement they were equally divided between Your Highness and the Government. These five elephants allotted to the State were valued at Rs. 7,300. Two of these elephants were sold at Rs. 2,100, and three kept. Half the cost of training the newly captured elephants has been realized from the Forest Department. All these amounts have been paid into the Treasury.

The expenditure on account of Kheda during the year was Rs. 4,284-7.

The Kheda operations commenced on May 28th, 1907 and ended on 15th December 1907. A report on the Kheda was submitted by my predecessor in this office No. 3128, dated the 25th February 1908.

LIBRARY.

126. Ninety-eight English and 35 Bengali books were added to the Library, bringing the number of English books to 7590 and that of Bengali to 952. The total number of books in the Library amounts to 9043.

MILITARY.

127. The corps was maintained up to the sanctioned strength. During the year the services of the Subadar Major, Amira Khan and Jemadar, Ali Reza, were dispensed with and two new men were appointed in their places. The change was necessitated by a want of discipline among the sepoys as already reported in my previous reports. 18 Gurkhas were appointed in July 1907, consisting of one Subadar Major, one Havildar, two Lance corporals and 14 sepoys to be on guard duty with Your Highness at Darjeeling, Calcutta and Cooch Behar, when found necessary, *Vide* Council Office letter No. 607 dated the 25th July 1907. Five more Gurkha sepoys were enlisted in October 1907 by order of the Officer Commanding the Cooch Behar Military Force.

The expenditure on the Military Department during the year was Rs. 33,200 against Rs. 27,201-2-3 in the preceding year. Since the close of the year Your Highness, on the recommendation of the Commanding Officer and my predecessor, was pleased to sanction an increase of pay to all the Military Force including that of the Subadar Major and Jemadar. It is expected that this will have the desired effect of attracting a better class of recruits.

STATE PRESS.

128. Babu Priya Nidhan Palit was in charge of the Press. Stamps to the value of Rs. 1,73,461-11-9 were manufactured against 1,70,642 in the preceding year.

The number of paying subscribers to the *Cooch Behar Gazette* was 104 against 100 in the preceding year and the number of copies of the gazette distributed free was 77, the same as in the preceding year.

SHOOTING CAMP.

129. The expenditure on account of the Shooting Camp during the year was Rs. 9,998-14 (including the cost of establishment, repairs to tents and furniture and purchase of fittings for the Motor car.) Bills for the Bholka and the Kholabari Camps in 1906-07, were paid from this year's provision. In 1907-08 there

were three camps, one at Sili Torsa in February 1908, one at Satasia, and another at Kaladanga, (Lakshmipur, Assam,) in March 1908.

The bills for the two camps in Assam were paid from the provision for 1908-09 as the bills were not received before the 31st March 1908. These two camps lasted for about a month. The camp at Kaladanga was a big one. Great difficulty was experienced in making the necessary transhipment across the river Brahmaputra.

The success of the camp was partly due to the excellant arrangements made by the Zemindar of Lakhmipur, Babu Bhola Nath Chaudhuri, who invited Your Highness to shoot in the Lakhmipur Estate.

I have the honour to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient servant,

A. W. DENTITH,

Superintendent of the State, Cooch Behar.

I.—*Statement showing the Jail offences and nature of punishments inflicted during the year* 1907-1908.

1	2	3
Jail offences.	Description of punishments.	No. of convicts.
Having forbidden articles in possession, stealing and other offences against prison discipline.	Loss of marks	37
	Corporal punishment ...	3
	Degraded from Warder's post ..	8
	Put in heavy irons	...
	Wearing gunny suits ...	28
	Putting in solitary cells ...	2
	Judicially punished ...	...
	Warned	16
	Standing Hand-cuff	16
	Hard Labour	1
	Total ...	106

J.—*Statement [redacted] General Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups during the year 1907-1908.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Number of Lock-ups.	Daily average of the yearly aggregate No. of prisoners.	DISBURSEMENTS.			RECEIPTS.			Net cost.	Average gross cost per prisoner for establishment.	Average gross cost per prisoner for diet and contingencies	Net cost for each prisoner during the year.	REMARKS.
		On account of establishment.	On account of diet and contingencies &c.	Total expenditure.	From manufacture.	On account of wages of non-manufacturing prisoners.	Total receipts.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	
	9·51	336 0 0	921 3 6	1,257 3 7	.....	185 10 0	185 10 0	1,071 9 7	35 5 3	96 13 10	112 10 10	

HARIDAS MOOKERJEE,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

Details of Expenditure for Original Works for 1907-08,

Item No.	Names of Works.	Expenditure for 1906-07.	Expenditure for 1907-08. Annual.	Petty.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. P.
	Total brought forward ...	1,24,788 4 11	1,26,603 14 5	5,232 8 7	1,31,836 7
	Artizan School.				
115	Salary	1,164 0 0	1,164 0 0	.....	1,164 0
	Total Establishment ...	27,694 8 0	28,666 12 9	.....	28,666 12
116	Maintenance of State Carts	6,465 0 3	6,434 11 7	.....	6,434 11
117	Profit and Loss	246 0 9	.....	.....	.....
118	Grain compensation allowance	1,107 4 9	.....	.....	.....
	Total P. W. D. ...	1,33,770 10 8	1,34,202 10 8	5,232 8 7	1,39,435 2
	Woodlands.				
119	Establishment—Pay of Sub-overseer ...	420 0 0	420 0 0	.....	420 0
120	Original Works—2nd story of servants quarters	907 3 3	2,675 14 0	.....	2,675 14
121	Repairs of houses and upkeep of road ...	3,674 4 3	4,848 11 6	.....	4,848 11
122	Garden (Payable to Mr. Abbot)	3,000 0 0	3,000 0 0	.....	3,000 0
123	Municipality Income and Land Revenue ...	3,023 8 4	3,179 4 7	.....	3,179 4
124	Unfiltered water connection	.....	1,710 2 9	.....	1,710 2
125	Small works	.....	774 8 9	.....	774 8
126	Travelling allowance (Supdt. of Works.) ...	330 0 0	221 4 0	.....	221 4
127	Unforeseen	.....	18 0 0	.....	18 0
	Total Woodlands ...	11,354 15 0	16,847 13 7	.....	16,847 13
	Colinton and Pprospect House.				
128	Establishment	1,136 10 11	575 12 0	.....	575 12
129	Original Works removing Dhobis Hill ...	606 4 3	964 12 0	.....	964 12
130	Ditto New bath room	.....	1,624 2 6	.....	1,624 2
	Ditto Diversion of road	.....	.....	.....	.....
131	Repairs of houses, out-houses, up keep of Roads and house bearers.	4,539 11 9	4,765 6 0	.....	4,765 6
132	Garden including Establishment	1,046 4 3	1,473 4 0	.....	1,473 4
133	Insurance...	.....	375 0 0	.....	375 0
134	Taxes Municipal and Income	1,012 15 9	1,548 9 9	.....	1,548 9
135	Travelling allowance (Supdt. of Works) ...	729 0 0	606 2 0	.....	606 2
136	Unforeseen	56 4 0	.....	.....	.....
137	Acquisition of land adjoining Colinton ...	34,000 0 0	.....	.....	.....
	Total Colinton and Prospect House ...	43,127 2 11	11,933 0 3	.....	11,933 0
	Grand total ...	1,88,252 13 5	1,62,983 7 10	5,232 8 7	1,68,216 0

Receipts.

	Receipts.	1906-07. Rs. A. P.	1907-08. Rs. A. P.		Total. Rs. A. P.
	Miscellaneous	1,302 8 5	957 2 8	.....	.....
	Sál Timber and forest ordinary	5,009 5 7	2,369 5 9	.....	.....
	State Cart Income	5,202 0 0	4,686 4 0	.....	.....
	Total Receipts ...	11,513 14 0	8,012 12 5	.....	.....

KEDAR NATH MAJUMDAR,
Superintendent of Works.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Cooch Behar State.

L.—*Abstract of Annual Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for 1907-08.*

Item No.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Expenditure for 1906-07.		Expenditure for 1907-08.	
		Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Communication Improvement Fund.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Original Works	27,159 10 6		23,655 3 0	
2	Repairs	34,607 2 11		37,620 11 7	
3	Contingencies	814 12 3		983 15 0	
4	Rest House Establishment ...	921 14 9		840 0 0	
5	Drainage channel	700 0 0		....	
6	Repayment of Loan ...	.....		12,223 0 0	
7	Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	38 7 7		819 2 5	
	Grand Total ...		64,242 0 0		76,142 0 0
	Receipts.				
	Sale-proceeds of the Bridge materials.	445 15 3		619 1 7	
	Total ...		445 15 3		619 1 7

Kedar Nath Majumdar,
Supdt. of Works, P. W. Dept.

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1907-1908

Item No.	PARTICULARS.	Expenditure for 1906-1907.	Expenditure for 1907-1908.	Total.	Re
		Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
	Original Works.				
1	Metalling Khagrabari Road up to the cross Roads and the approaches Dodearhat repairing Road to Baneswar.	.....	7,040 8 8		
2	Permanent bridge over Shutunga	26,900 9 0	2,548 4 0		
3	Pucca culverts to replace bamboo and corrugated iron culverts.	.....	5,019 12 9		
4	Pucca bridges west of Haldibari	.....	1,622 4 5		
5	Slice Gate at Mathabhanga	.....	600 0 0		
6	Two bridges on Manaberi Road	.....	7,404 14 8		
7	Wooden bridge over Fulkumar at Nazirhat ...	200 0 0	.....		
8	Permanent bridge over Gadadhar on Lowkuti Road ...	336 14 6	580 9 6		
9	Pucca Culvert on Nowdunga Gangerhat Road ...	396 0 0	.....		
	Total Original Works ...	27,159 10 6	.....	23,655 3 0	
	Repairs.				
1	Buxa Road	323 14 6	499 3 5		
2	Balarampur Feeder Road	838 11 3	809 10 11		
3	Cross road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi ...	355 7 0	1,004 11 9		
4	Ditto Dinhata to Mekliganj ...	1,165 15 8	979 15 0		
5	Ditto Patgram to Bhutan	918 3 9	839 1 3		
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road	677 7 3	529 3 9		
7	Chowdhurihat ditto	168 2 2	31 4 0		
8	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar ...	4,042 4 10	4,431 11 0		
9	Ditto east of Cooch Behar ...	468 12 3	486 0 6		
10	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	612 13 0	590 5 9		
11	Ditto from Dewanhat to Balarampur ...	264 13 6	210 14 3		
12	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi ...	585 11 9	950 5 0		
13	Falacutta Road	309 1 3	284 6 11		
14	Gadadhar Road (Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari.)	217 12 3	172 12 2		
15	Inspection Bungalows	1,222 12 9	1,333 3 2		
16	Janoki Tewary Road	439 7 3	465 4 0		
17	Kashiabari Feeder Road	264 18 [illegible]	577 0 8		
18	Kakina Road with branches	948 14 [illegible]	1,159 1 8		
19	Katamari to Manabari Road	731 3 [illegible]	835 15 6		
20	Lowkuti Road	1,790 3 [illegible]	2,039 1 2		
21	Manikgunj Feeder Road	300 11 6	708 11 9		
22	Metalled roads in the Town and Suburbs ...	3,662 12 3	2,420 14 2		
23	Purbabhag Road	230 8 4	467 2 6		
24	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti	396 7 3	786 11 8		
25	Roads in the Suburbs	723 1 9	725 14 3		
26	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga	296 8 3	305 9 3		
27	Road from Haldibari to Bhowlagunj	172 0 6	152 7 3		
28	Road from Mathabhanga to Falacutta ...	395 1 3	473 13 0		
29	Road from Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	133 11 3	181 3 9		
30	Road from Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	586 12 3	175 1 8		
31	Road from Fulbari to Chilkiguri	337 6 3	280 8 0		
32	Road from Chilakhana to Bhatibari	161 7 9	312 7 6		
33	Road from Cooch Behar to Garadhat ...	789 0 6	1,590 5 5		
34	Rungpur Road	690 7 9	986 5 7		
35	Repairs to flood damages	7,311 14 6	7,786 5 2		
36	Village paths	2,072 10 10	20,92 14 10		
	Total ...	34,607 2 11	37,620 11 7		
	Drainage.				
37	Opening and maintaining drainage Channels in the State.	700 0 0	.....		
	Contingencies.				
38	Ameen and Peon for acquiring lands	766 14 9	616 0 11		
39	Contingencies	47 13 6	37 14 1		
40	Driver of steam Road Roller	.....	330 0 0		
	Total ...	814 12 3	.....	988 15	
	Inspection Bungalow Establishment.				
41	Chowkidars for rest houses...	921 14 9	840 0 0	840 0	
	Repayment of Loans.				
42	Loan for Sutanga bridge	.....	11,000 0 0	10,000 0	
43	Loan for purchase of Steam Road roller ...	.....	2,223 0 0	2,223 0	
	Total ...	.....	.....	12,223 0	
44	Unexpended Balance	38 7 7	819 2 5	819 2	
	Grand total ...	64,242 0 0	.....	76,142 0	

Item No.	Names of Roads	Earthwork cft.	Surface repairs sft.	Turfing sft	Wood work cft	Renewing Railings rft.	Renewing Platform sft.	Corrugated Iron culverts rft.	Metalling cft.	Sal post (Driving.) Rft.	Coal tarring. S ft.
1.	Buxa Road	1,04,368	5,46,504	.....	4·00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
2.	Balarampur Feeder Road	1,07,699	9,01,335	.....	45 25	.....	300	.....	.....	...	...
3.	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi ...	21,857	8,30,220	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
4.	Ditto from Dinhata to Mekligunj	1,13,339	18,19,655	.....	12 00	.....	240	.....	.....	...	...
5.	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan	1,93 684	6,60,560	6,750	.....	.....	170	.....	.....	...	...
6.	Changrabanda Feeder Road	1,08,940	6,84,052	837	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
7.	Chowdhurihat Feeder Road	.....	1,10,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
8.	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar	3,81,646	24,46,405	93,040	18·00	183	.....	44	3,440	...	...
9.	Ditto east of Cooch Behar	1,37,613	13,11,714	.....	53·31	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
10.	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa ...	55,655	43,906	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
11.	Ditto from Dewanhat to Balarampur	39,003	2,06,860	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	...	...
12.	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi ...	1,01,042	11,84,613	26,897	22 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
13.	Falacutta Road	17,503	4,14,060	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	...	...
14.	Godadhur Road (Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari) ...	.....	.....	.....	4·00	.....	.....	20	.....	...	...
15.	Janaki Tewari Road	62,870	1,70,900	1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
16.	Kashiabari Feeder Road	72,458	2,12,131	6,966	104·00	150	870	22	.....	...	2584
17.	Kakina Road with branches	4,21,369	24,51,953	.....	7·50	.....	432	19-6	.....	18	1422
18.	Katamari to Manabari Road	3,43,940	7,67,483	14,640	3 00	.....	.....	40	.....	180	...
19.	Lowkuti Road with branches	5,35,225	22,41,855	62,828	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
20.	Manikgunj Feeder Road	16,944	1,72,250	2,000	332 74	232	2918	.....	.....	47	2940
21.	Purbabhag Road	5,130	8,99,490	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	595
22.	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 750	...	...
23.	„ in the Suburbs	70,037	4,95,974	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
24.	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga	3,350	93,500	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
25.	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowlagunj	48,569	64,645	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
26.	Ditto Mathabhanga to Falacutta	23,444	5,24,000	33,640	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
27.	Ditto Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	81,768	2,79,120	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
28.	Ditto Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	34,440	1,19,180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
29.	Ditto Fulbari to Chilkiguri	70,370	6,05,404	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
30.	Ditto Chilakhana to Bhatibari	81,400	2,43,946	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
31.	Rungpur Road	1,92,250	20,40,268	8,015	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
32.	Road from Cooch Behar to Garadhat	1,98,015	21,84,235	32,870	10·00	122	.....	20	.....	190	...
33.	Metalled Roads in the Town and Suburbs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,963	...	...
34.	Village Paths	3,22,249	47,90,294	31,620	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	2304
	TOTAL ...	39,66,177	2,95,16,512	3,23,203	620 14	690	4930	193-6	10,153	435	9845

KEDER NATH MAJUMDAR,

Superintendent of Works, P. W. D., Cooch Behar.

O.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COOCH BEHAR STATE.

List of contribution works for 1907-1908.

Item No.	Names of works	Estimate	State grant	Amount of contribution	Expenditure during the year	Expenditure up to date	Balance available on the 31st March 1907	Remarks.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P.	
1	Dinhata Buxirhat Road	2,713	.....	2,713 0 0	149 8 5	2,713 0 0	.....	
2	Timber Bridge on Bhetaguri-Nazirhat Road	1,184	200	984 0 0	71 4 7	1,184 0 0	. .	
3	Pucca culvert on Nowdanga-Gangerhat Road ...	896	396	500 0 0	66 14 1	[illegible] 0 0	.	
4	Bagmara well (Dharmeswari well)	500	.....	500 0 0	116 7 7	[illegible] 4 1	112 11 11	
5	Thorai Khana drain	1,155	700	455 0 0	6 6 3	[illegible] 15 6	[illegible] 0 6	
6	Pucca well at Nilkuti	1,419	.....	1,415 5 3	831 6 0	[illegible] 11 3	[illegible] 0	
7	Purchase of Steam Roller	10,000	... .	10,000 0 0	624 1 9	[illegible] 9 7	14 6 5	
8	Chemical benches and gas fittings, &c, in the Victoria College.	5,279	3,529	1,750 0 0	3,973 6 4	4,145 1 1[illegible]	1,133 14 2	
9	Tobacco Godown	2,575	.. ..	2,575 4 3	2,194 10 6	2,575 4 3	. ...	
10	Mekligunj town drain	.....	... .	182 0 0	1[illegible]2 0 0	182 0 0	. ..	
11	Clearing jungles in the Rajganpara	... .	.....	3[illegible] 0 0	....	[illegible] 2 9	10[illegible] 13 3	
12	Sinking a well in the Tufangunj School compound ...	1[illegible]0	.....	100 0 0	100 0 0	100 0 0	. ...	
13	Shahebgunj drain	1,169	.....	1,169 0 0	424 1 1[illegible]	424 1 10	744 14 2	
14	Sluice gate at Mathabhanga	987	... .	987 0 0	987 0 0	987 0 0	.....	
15	Metalling town roads at Mathabhanga	3,067	. ...	3,067 0 0	1,510 11 1	1,510 11 1	1,556 4 11	
16	Shooting Camp at Chilapata	.....	... ..	[illegible] 11 [illegible]	1[illegible] [illegible] 4	[illegible] 14 6	.....	
17	Shooting Camp at Assam (1907)	. . .	. .	2,[illegible]4 [illegible]	191 9 9	2,184 0 6	.....	
18	Shooting Camp at Vhalka	.....	.....	773 5 1[illegible]	[illegible]8 14 2	773 5 10	.....	
19	Shooting Camp at Assam (1908)	.....	.....	1,800 0 0	1,[illegible]5 15 6	1,[illegible] 15 6	114 0 6	
20	Clearing jungles around Trigonometrical survey stations ...	.....	... ..	5 4 [illegible]	5 4 0	5 4 0	. ...	
21	Shooting Camp at Sil Torsa	.....	.. ..	1[illegible]9 3 3	1[illegible]4 5 0	1[illegible]4 5 [illegible]	14 14 3	
22	Corrugated Iron shed at Dewangunj	1,500	. ...	[illegible] 0 [illegible]	111 9 6	111 9 6	3[illegible] [illegible] 6	
23	Masonry culvert at Buxirhat	.....	... .	[illegible] 0 0	.... ..	.....	4[illegible] 0 0	
24	Panthasala at Mathabhanga	4,000	.....	[illegible] 0 [illegible]	1,027 9 [illegible]	1,027 9 [illegible]	2,972 6 6	
	Total ...	.....	4,825	37,[illegible]0 [illegible] 7	1,[illegible] 8 2	3[illegible],[illegible]52 11 6	[illegible]2 7 1	

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

P.—*Abstract of Annual Expenditure for the Chaklajat Public Works for 1907-1908.*

HEAD OF SERVICE.	Expenditure for 1906-07.						Expenditure for 1907-08.					
	Amount.			Total.			Amount.			Total.		
	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
ORIGINAL WORKS												
Civil Buildings	4,442	0	0				4,785	9	11			
Total ...				4,442	0	0				4,785	9	11
REPAIRS												
Civil Buildings	4,362	0	0				3,415	2	4			
Communications	50	0	0				50	0	0			
Miscellaneous	44	0	0				.....					
Total ...				4,456	0	0				3,465	2	4
ESTABLISHMENT												
Establishment including Contingencies	962	0	0				927	12	9			
Total ..				962	0	0				927	12	9
GRAND TOTAL ...				9,860	0	0				9,178	9	0

KEDAR NATH MAJUMDAR,
Supdt. of Works, P. W. Dept.

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MONTHS.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95	1895-96.	1896 97.	1897-98.	1898 99.	1899-1900	1900-1901	1901-02.	1902-03	1903-04.	1904-05.	1905-06.	1906-07.	1907-08.	Total.	Average.	REMARKS
April ...	4·50	8·20	2·25	10·45	4·84	4·10	12·42	15·72	5·18	4·80	1·86	6·84	4·16	5·25	4·32	6·76	...	11·83	3·63	0·20	11·94	129·25	6·15	
May ...	17·60	11·63	10·60	7·07	15·93	46·22	7·20	16·20	13·64	18·18	23·39	12·73	8·42	15·23	7·91	16·80	10 99	22·96	12·40	20·52	14·65	330·27	15·72	
June ...	54·25	33·09	27·79	47·90	20·23	29·39	22·10	27·00	13·06	50·44	14·65	39·78	42·54	19·81	30·13	27·64	39·16	13·85	52·04	39·49	22 84	667·18	31·77	
July ...	13·84	21·90	41·47	29·58	27·37	41·05	40·13	6·88	56·16	26·37	23·98	12·81	25·53	27·36	18·89	38·68	22·54	23·26	23·96	44·36	57·19	623·31	29·68	
August ...	21·31	14·38	46·70	45·32	8·02	39·97	17·89	18·36	15·90	5·83	13·33	11·89	22·65	5·58	29·01	28·66	26·61	26·18	67·06	51·74	30·18	546·57	26·02	
September ...	17·52	8·14	16·19	29·86	10·87	12·70	20·00	35·31	14·06	21·21	35·90	37·45	21·99	14·21	14·53	51·46	29·63	18·33	18·42	12·16	48·81	488·75	23·27	
October ...	2·48	1·56	2·50	12·49	1·76	0·33	7·22	10·84	1·51	0·85	6·81	1·81	2·59	1·17	1·40	2·95	3·03	15·51	6·47	14·92	2·67	100·87	4·80	
November ...	...	1·60	0·40	...	...	1·20	0·26	...	...	...	0·05	0·30	...	...	0·63	...	...	0·12	...	...	...	4·56	0·21	
December ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0·07	...	0·05	...	...	0·33	...	...	...	...	...	0·43	...	0·23	1·11	0·05	
January ...	0·23	2·62	0·55	0·18	...	0·53	...	...	0·43	...	0·22	0·69	...	0·73	...	0·22	0·04	...	...	...	0·16	6·60	0·31	
February ...	0·14	2·55	...	1·89	0·40	0·83	0·17	0·03	...	0·26	0·99	0·08	0·15	1·36	...	0·12	1·69	0·69	1·93	0·68	0·49	14·45	0·68	
March ...	3·89	0·15	0·13	2·67	1·27	2·85	0·24	0·36	...	2·45	0·11	2·44	2·59	0·64	4·92	1·92	...	2·59	2·44	2·41	0·65	34·72	1·65	
Total ...	135·76	105·82	148·58	187·41	90·69	179·17	127·63	130·77	119·94	130·44	121·29	126·82	130·95	91·34	111·74	175·21	133·69	135·32	188·78	186·48	189·81	2947·64	140·31	

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FROM

RAI CALICA DOSS DUTT BAHADUR, C.I.E.,
DEWAN OF THE STATE, COOCH BEHAR.

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR OF
COOCH BEHAR IN COUNCIL.

Dated, Darjeeling, the 17th July 1908.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to state that under the orders of Your Highness in Council I made over charge of the Revenue Department on the 14th March 1908 to Babu Bhupati Chakravartti, M.A., B.L., whose services had been lent by the British Government, and he is submitting the Annual Report of that Department for 1907-08. The Debutter Department and a portion of the Household Department is now under my control. I beg to report as follows on the work done under my supervision in those departments during 1907-08.

2. Babu Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Officiating Duar Mokhtear was in charge of the Duar Office during the year and discharged very satisfactorily the duties connected with the Debutter Department and those relating to the Household Department with which he had to deal. The charge of the Toshakhana was made over to the Personal Assistant (now Secretary) to Your Highness some time after the close of the year; this subject will be dealt with in the next report.

3. The total amount disbursed in the Household Department on account of allowances, salaries and miscellaneous charges during the year of report was Rs. 75,991 against Rs. 78,813 of the previous year. The decrease was chiefly due to the fact that no bonus for rise in the price of food-grains was paid to the Rajguns and others as in 1906-07. Monies remitted direct from the Treasury are not shown in the figures given above.

4. The disbursements in the Debutter Department made by the Duar Mokhtear amounted to Rs 33,204 against Rs. 36,208 of the previous year. The allowance and bonus paid for rise in the price of food-grains were less last year than in the year previous and the special grant of Rs 1,000 for the Rash Mela was withdrawn during the year; these causes chiefly contributed to the decrease in the disbursements.

5. Under Your Highness' sanction 41 poor boys received educational allowances during the year; 21 of these were natives of Cooch Behar. Without the help thus rendered these boys would not have been able to prosecute their studies. One of the stipendiaries succesfully passed the Entrance and another the First Arts Examination. Susil Chandra Goswami, who enjoyed an allowance from the grant for Allowances to Brahmins, could succesfully pass the B. A. Examination. Your Highness was pleased to sanction the grant of a special allowance of Rs 80 to Mr. Anath Nath Palit, L.M.S., son of the late Dr. Bireswar Palit, who was the Assistant Surgeon of Cooch Behar for a very long time; Anath Nath has gone to Edinburgh for preparing himself for the Indian Medical Service Examination.

6. Your Highness left Cooch Behar for the hills on the 23rd May and returned there on the 2nd December 1907. Her Highness, who went up to Darjeeling on the 16th June 1907, returned to the capital on the 28th March 1908. All the four Maharajkumars went up to Darjeeling after the Pooneah. Maharajkumar Raj Rajendra Narayan afterwards went out on a tour round the world for the benefit of his health. Maharajkumar Victor Nityendra Narayan has gone to America to carry on Agricultural studies in Ithaca and Maharajkumar Hitendra Narayan to England to complete his education.

7. Majia Birerbeti Aye Kanya, who formerly belonged to the Andar of the late Maharaja Sibendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, and Kumars Biswendra Narayan and Rebendra Narayan, senior, died during the year. All these persons used to enjoy allowances.

8. The Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary continued to give medical relief to a large number of people and the daily average rose from 30·18 to 40·93.

9. The Poeneah Durbar was held on the 28th April 1907. The Maharaj-kumars were all present. Amongst the guests on the occasion were Raja Prabhat Chandra Baruah of Gauripur and the minor Raikat of Baikentapur.

10. The Rash Jatra was celebrated with the usual pomp and large numbers of people came from different parts of the State and the adjoining British Districts to enjoy themselves. The Police arrangements were satisfactory. The Town Committee get all the collections from the fair held on the occasion; they, therefore, contributed Rs. 250 towards the expenses and the Revenue Department paid another Rs. 250; some savings from the Debutter Budget were also utilised. Your Highness sanctioned the continuance of the Rash Mela with the funds thus obtained after the special grant had been withdrawn. The Railway receipts largely increased during the days the festivities continued.

11. The Thakurbaries continued to feed a large number of people 34,720 persons, or on an average 95 persons per diem, got their meals at the Sudder Thakurbari during the year; many other people were fed at the Rajmata Deo Aye Devati and the Danger Aye Devati's Thakurbari. The number of recipients of food at the Anandamayi Dharmasala was 2389; many of them, including Pundits and other Brahmins, had to be lodged there. In order to see that sufficient check was exercised the Sheristadar of the Dharmadhakhya Department was posted to the Thakurbari to personally look after the Pujas and the distribution of food; he had, therefore, to be relieved of the work of disbursing monies of the Debutter Department. The Head Mohurir of the Duar office had charge of the cash of both the Debutter and the Household Department. The arrangement seems to have worked well under the close supervision of the Duar Mokhtear.

12. Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumick, M.A., B.L., who was in charge of the Tobacco Farm, has been Duar Mokhtear since the close of the year; he has still to look after the Farm and gets an additional remuneration from the Sub-head "Agriculture" for this work.

13. The Cooch Behar State Agent in Benares, who is not under the Duar Mokhtear, has to look after the Thakurbaries and supervise the repairs of the houses there; he has also to distribute certain allowances. During the year of report he disbursed Rs. 13,075 against Rs. 11,478 for the previous year, on account of allowances enjoyed by persons residing in Benares, Puja expenses of Thakurs, salaries of the State employés, up-keep of the State houses &c Owing to high prices of food-grains Your Highness was pleased to grant an additional amount of Rs. 1,000 for the expenses of the *Chattra* at which many persons are fed. For the same reason Your Highness was pleased to grant to the inferior servants attached to the Benares establishment a month's pay as bonus, which amounted to Rs. 70. Additional amounts were also sanctioned for construction of the Nahabatkhana and contribution to the Famine Fund raised in Benares. The Nahabatkhana is expected to be completed during the current year. Babu Syama Charan Sanyal, State Agent, did his work satisfactorily.

I have the honor to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient and humble servant,

CALICA DOSS DUTT,

Dewan of the State, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

BABU BHUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI, M.A., B.L.,
REVENUE OFFICER OF THE COOCH BEHAR STATE.

TO

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 15th July, 1908.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report of the Revenue Department of the State for 1907-08.

2. The Dewan of the State, Rai Calica Doss Dutt Bahadur, C. I. E., was in charge of the department till the afternoon of the 14th of March last when he was relieved by me. With my appointment the separate office of the Sudder Naib Ahilkar, created under the orders of Your Highness in Council of the 20th July 1905, was abolished. On the abolition of the post of the Sudder Naib Ahilkar, who was also the Treasury Officer, the Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar was appointed to be the Treasury Officer in his place as under the old arrangement. The control of the Duar and the Dharmadhakshya Department continued to remain with the Dewan and he was also permitted by Your Highness to celebrate the Pooneah ceremoney and to perform all the functions connected therewith.

3. The present report has been divided into the following five sections, *viz.*—

I.—Land Revenue.

II.—Settlement.

III.—Excise Revenue.

IV.—Treasury and Stamp Revenue.

V.—Miscellaneous.

SECTION I.—LAND REVENUE.

4. The current demand of Land Revenue for the year under report amounted to Rs. 13,83,495, which, together with an arrear demand of Rs. 30,972, made up a total of Rs. 14,14,467. The total collections of the year amounted to Rs. 13,93,895 including excess payments amounting to Rs. 5,325, while Rs. 8,027 was written off. There was a balance of Rs. 17,870 at the close

of the year. The demands, collections and balances for the last seven years are compared in the table given below :—

YEAR	DEMAND. Hal or current demand.	Bakeya or arrear demand. Amount of balance shewn in the statement for the previous year	Increase.	Total arrear demand.	Grand total of demand.	Amount of collections.	Amount written off.	BALANCE. Out of arrear demand	Out of current demand.	Total.	Amount of excess payment or amount which though not forming part of the demand is included in the collections.	REMARKS.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1901 1902 ..	13,37,101	33,499	3,959	37,458	13,74,559	13,43,073	4,361	10,319	19,984	30,303	5,178	
1902-1903 .	13,46,540	30,303	4,493	34,796	13,81,336	13,46,912	7,343	9,037	22,615	31,652	4,571	
1903-1904 ..	13,53,285	31,652	2,391	34,043	13,87,328	13,54,479	7,411	7,483	22,819	30,302	4,864	
1904 1905 .	13,56,780	30,302	1,439	31,741	13,88,521	13,62,451	6,257	7,273	18,037	25,310	5,397	
1905-1906	13,65,490	28,310	1,089	26,399	13,91,889	13,71,137	4,755	5,967	14,145	20,112	4,115	
1906 1907	13,74,497	20,112	1,998	22,110	13,96,607	13,66,141	3,948	5,896	23,218	29,114	4,596	
1907-1908 .	13,83,495	29,114	1,858	30,972	14,14,467	13,93,895	8,027	4,360	13,510	17,870	5,325	

It will be seen that there has been a further increase of Rs. 8,998 in the current demand as compared with that of the previous year. As shown in statements I and II hereto appended, the gross increase, as compared with the current demand for 1906-07, amounted to Rs. 17,780 and the gross decrease to Rs. 8,782. The details are summarised below for convenience of reference :—

Particulars	Increase	Particulars	Decrease	REMARKS.
	Rs.		Rs.	
Increase obtained by the resettlement of time-expired jotes.	311			
Increase obtained by the resettlement of time expired Bunder lands.	111	Decrease due to resettlement of Bunder lands	23	
Increase obtained by the resettlement of the town of Cooch Behar.	2,398	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes	854	
Increase obtained by the resettlement of relinquished jotes, Rs 795.		Decrease due to cancellation of leases of bad jotes, Rs. 485.		
Increase obtained by the settlement of Khas jotes and other lands in the ordinary way, Rs. 3,087.	3,882	Decrease due to reduction on account of diluvion, Rs. 1,393.	2,782	
		Decrease due to acquisition of land for public purposes, Rs. 904.		
Increase obtained by the settlement at full rates of jotes previously held at half rates	32	Decrease due to grant of Mokarari at reduced rates.	35	
Increase obtained by the settlement of Syrat Mehals	10,986	Decrease due to falling off in revenue for Syrat Mehals.	5,016	
Increase due to miscellaneous causes.	60	Decrease due to miscellaneous causes.	72	
Total ...	17,780			
Deduct decrease ...	8,782			
Net increase ...	8,998	Total ...	8,782	

The town of Cooch Behar was resettled with effect from the beginning of the last year and the increase on that account shewn in the Touji was Rs 2,398. The Syrat Mehals continued to contribute largely to the revenues of the State, the net increase obtained during the year of report being Rs 5,970. The demands for several Hâts and Ghâts, which had to be resettled increased owing to the general expansion of trade, though for reasons already known to the Council there was some decrease in the jama of the Dewangunj Hât. The Jama for the Shutunga bridge was higher than that of the two ferries on that river near Mathabhanga. It is again satisfactory to observe that the decrease due to relinquishment and cancellation of leases of bad jotes was more than made up by the resettlement of jotes abandoned or made Khas in pevious years or of other Khas and Paiwasti jotes.

5. As stated in Statements I and II an increase of Rs 1,858 was obtained by resettlements concluded with retrospective effect and the arrear demand for the year under report amounted to Rs 30,972 against the balance of Rs 29,114 shewn at the close of the previous year. Together with the current demand of Rs. 13,83,495 the total demand amounted to Rs 14,14,467. The collections, amounting to Rs 13,93,895, exceed those for the previous year by so large an amount as Rs 27,754 and the average collections for the five previous years by Rs 33,691. They are also better than the current demand for the year by Rs 10,400. The result seems to be exceptionally good and is due to the fact that the ryots obtained good prices for the produce of their lands owing to the high prices of food-grains and so they were able to pay off their dues without difficulty.

6. The results obtained at the dfferent Sub-divisions are shewn in the following table:—

Name of Sub-division.		Demand. Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Amount collected.	Percentage of collection on current demand.	Balance.	Percentage of balance on total demand.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs,	Rs.		Rs.	
Sudder ...	1906-07	2,80,739	6,778	2,87,517	2,80,006	99·7	7,489	2·57
	1907-08	2,84,790	7,785	2,92,575	2,86,863	100·7	4,662	1·59
Tufangunj ...	1906-07	1,70,791	4,190	1,74,981	1,78,487	101·28	2,181	1·24
	1907-08	1,73,746	2,740	1,76,486	1,75,466	100·99	1,642	·93
Mekhligunj ...	1906-07	2,14,458	1,691	2,16,149	2,12,971	99·03	2,752	1·27
	1907-08	2,15,329	3,322	2,18,651	2,14,181	99·46	4,526	2·06
Mathabhanga ...	1906-07	3,95,782	6,767	4,02,499	3,86,294	97·6	14,437	3·58
	1907-08	3,96,402	14,579	4,10,981	4,02,850	101·50	5,834	1·41
Dinhata ...	1906-07	3,12,777	2,684	3,15,461	3,13,383	100·19	2,255	·7
	1907-08	3,13,228	2,546	3,15,774	3,15,035	100·57	12,06	·38
Total ...	1906-07	13,74,497	22,110	13,96,607	13,66,141	99·38	29,114	2·08
	1907-08	13,83,495	30,972	14,14,467	13,93,895	100·75	17,870	1·26

It will be observed that excepting in Sub-division Mekhligunj the collections exceeded the current demand everywhere and notably in Mathabhanga, where the percentage rose from 97·6 to 101·27, resulting in a falling off in the balance from 3·58 to 1·41 per cent. As stated in the last report 28 Talooks in this Sub-division suffered heavily from the effects of the flood of August 1906, and besides grant of gratuitous relief and Tuccavi loans to the ryots the collection of revenue for a large number of jotes had to be suspended. The kindness thus shewn on the recommendation of Naib Ahilkar, Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, whose treatment of the ryots in their sore distress was most sympathetic, proved beneficial and the result of collections has been satisfactory. Suspensions had also to be given for various reasons for several jotes in Sub-division Mekhligunj and to this circumstance and also to the grant of a remission of Rs. 1,000 to the lessee of the Dewangunj Hât, whose lenient dealings with the shop-keepers contributed to a great extent to the revival of the Hât, is attributed the falling off in collection in Sub-division Mekhligunj.

7. Out of the collections referred to above Rs. 28,795 was on account of the arrear demand, details of which are given below :—

			Rs.
Details regarding arrear balance shewn at the close of 1906-07.	1.	Amount of balance shewn at the close of 1906-07 ...	29,114
	2.	Amount collected during 1907-08	22,304
	3.	Amount remitted during 1907-08	2,784
	4.	Balance shewn at the close of 1907-08	4,026
	5.	Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 4	1,000
Details of arrear balance entered in the Touji during 1907-08.	6.	Amount of balance entered in the Touji during 1907-08 ...	1,858
	7.	Amount collected during 1907-08	1,491
	8.	Amount remitted during 1907-08	83
	9.	Balance shewn at the close of 1907-08	384
	10.	Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of the balance shewn against heading 9	.....
	11.	Total balance or total of figures shewn against headings 4 and 9	4,860
	12.	Total amount which may prove irrecoverable out of the total balance shewn against heading 11	1,000

The details given above shews that out of the total arrear demand of Rs. 30,972, Rs. 2,817 was remitted. The amount written off out of the current demand was Rs. 5,210, making a total of Rs. 8,027 against Rs. 5,948 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 2,079 only. Of the above amount of Rs. 8,027, Rs. 3,573 was the remission granted for certain jotes in the 28 Talooks in Sub-division Mathabhanga affected by the flood of August 1906 and to which reference has been made above in paragraph 6. This remission has been granted on condition that the Jotedars in their turn give proportionate remissions to their under-tenants. There was another remission of grace amounting to Rs. 1,000 which was granted to the lessee of the Dewangunj Hât as stated above. The greater portion of the remaining amount of remission was due to diluvion and acquisition of land for public purposes, which the ryots can claim and the State is bound to grant under the laws in force The balance at the close of the year has fallen off from Rs. 29,114 to Rs. 17,870, which represents only 1·2 per cent. of the total demand.

8. During the year under report 3372 jotes were advertised for sale against 2914 in the previous year, while 430 jotes were actually sold against 406 in 1906-07. The increase may be attributed to increase in the number of sales valuntarily brought about. With the increase in sales there was also an increase from 104 to 131 in the number of sales cancelled under the provisions of law. The amount of fines and penalties recovered was Rs. 2,222-14-2, of which Rs. 798-9-10 was paid to the auction-purchasers. Looking to the figures for the Sub-divisions I find that the percentage of jotes sold on the total number advertised was the heaviest in the Sudder and the Tufangunj Sub-division, it being nearly 24. This is followed by a percentage of 10 in Dinhata and of 7 in Mekligunj. The lowest, *viz.* 5, was in Mathabhanga. With the opening of the Railway and the other means of communication there has been great development in the trade of the country. This has served to raise the value of land everywhere and particularly in Sub-divisions Mathabhanga and Dinhata. In the Sudder and the Toofangunj Sub-division there are still large tracts, particularly those bordering on the Duars, which are either covered over with jungles or the soil of which is bad. Jotes situated in these tracts fetch little or no price. The above circumstances accounts for the percentage of sales being lower in Mathabhanga and Mekligunj than that in the Sudder and the Tufangunj Sub-division.

9. 686 certificates were issued during the year under the Public Demands Recovery Act, which together with the 176 certificates pending at the close of the previous year, made up a total of 862 [illegible]st 1195 certificates of the previous year. 746 certificates were disposed of. The amount of arrears recovered was Rs. 40,938-1-9 and that otherwise adjusted Rs. 1,443-2-4.

10. The descripancies between the entries in the Tauji and those shewn in the Treasury and Financial accounts are explained below :—

	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Amount of collections shewn in the Tauji		13,93,895	4	8
DEDUCT :—				
Excess payments (Fazil) made in previous years which could not be credited in the Cash Book for the year under report	4,892 14 0			
Balance in hands of collecting officers, which could not be remitted to the Treasury during the year under report	14,958 8 6			
Amount of certain transfer challans, credited in the Treasury during the previous year, but shewn in the Sub-divisional accounts during the year under report	1,104 11 1			
		20,456	1	7
		13,73,439	3	1
ADD :—				
Amount of miscellaneous receipts &c., which could not be credited in the Tauji	9,845 6 6			
Communication Improvement Cess which was not credited in the Revenue Tauji	2,475 7 6			
Balance in hands of collecting officers, which could not be remitted to the Treasury during 1906-1907, but was remitted after the commencement of the year of report	7,074 3 7			
Amount of certain transfer challans credited in the Treasury but not in the Sub-divisional accounts ...	36 6 7			
		19,432	8	2
Amount credited in the Treasury Cash Book ...		13,92,871	11	3

11. *Canoongoes and Assistant Canoongoes.*—There were no changes amongst the Canoongoes during the year, excepting for a period of two months and 12 days when Munshi Kazemuddin Ahmed was deputed to do the work in connection with the demarcation of the boundaries of the Reserve Forests and Babu Rasik Chandra Gupta, Mapper, was appointed to act for him as Canoongoe of Tufangunj.

12. 2,017 cases were made over to the Canoongoes for enquiry during the year under report. Together with the 323* cases pending from the previous year the total was 2340, out of which 1899 were enquired into and 158 cases were returned or otherwise dealt with. 283 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The number enquired into is thus distributed :—

	Total for enquiry.	Enquired into.
Babu Mahendra Nath Adhikari, Offg. 1st grade Canoongoe, Dinhata	336	298
Babu Syam Sundar Bhowmick, Offg. 2nd grade Canoongoe, Mekhligunj	206	183
Munshi Kazemuddin Ahmed, 3rd grade Canoongoe, Toofangunj, } Babu Rasik Chandra Gupta, Offg. do. do.	558	450
„ Sri Nath Kar, 3rd grade Canoongoe, Mathabhanga	502	394
„ Tarak Chandra Chuckerbutty, Offg. 3rd grade Canoongoe, Sudder	743	574
Total ...	2,340	1,899

* By mistake 118 instead of 114 cases were shewn as pending from 1905-06 in the report for 1906-07. There was consequently an increase of four cases in the number shewn as pending at the close 1906-07.

13. The nature of the duties which the Canoongoes have to do has been fully stated in previous reports. There are many bad jotes in the Sudder and the Tufangunj Sub-division and this accounts for a larger number of cases for the Canoongoes' enquiry in these two Sub-divisions than in the others. In Mathabhanga the damages caused by the heavy flood of 1906-07 increased the number of cases. The Deputy Commissioner remarks.—

"Babu Mahendra Nath Adhikari and Munshi Kasemuddin did very good work during the year. Babu Syam Sundar Bhowmick failed to give satisfaction."

14. *Cases.*—The table given below compares the number of revenue cases instituted and disposed of during the last two years:—

	Years. 1906-07.	1907-08.
Pending from previous year	647	721
Instituted during the year	4299	3786
Total ...	4946	4507
Disposed of	4225	3834
Pending	721	673

Owing chiefly to decrease in the number of certificate cases under the Public Demands Recovery Act and of cases for mutation of names the institutions have come down from 4,299 in 1906-07 to 3,786 in the year of report. The number disposed of in each Sub-division is shewn below:—

Name of Sub-division.		Total for disposal.	Total disposed of.	Percentage of disposals over total for disposal
Sudder ...	1906-07	1,104	845	76·0
	1907-08	1,076	896	83·2
Tufangunj ...	1906-07	926	752	81·2
	1907-08	937	792	84·5
Mekhligunj ...	1906-07	652	599	90·7
	1907-08	530	465	87·7
Mathabhanga ...	1906-07	1,030	906	87·9
	1907-08	889	784	84·1
Dinhata ...	1906-07	945	842	89·1
	1907-08	745	607	81·4

Improvements are observable in the Sudder and the Tufangunj Sub-division only. As regards the latter the Naib Ahilkar states that a large number of cases could not be disposed of owing to the non-completion of enquiries by the Canoongoe, who was deputed towards the close of the year to supervise the work connected with the acquisition of lands for Your Highness's Shikar Reserves, and there was delay in sending a man to act for him. In order of disposals Mekhligunj holds the first place but as compared with the previous year the percentage has considerably fallen off owing to the non-completion by the Canoongoe of certain enquiries requiring survey and measurement of lands. The falling off was the heaviest in Dinhata. Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, Naib Ahilkar, who went there towards the middle of March, has furnished no explanations. I find, however, that during the four months that Babu Bama Charan Neogi acted as Naib Ahilkar there he disposed of only 28 mutation cases. The decrease in Mathabhanga is attributed to the institution of a large number of cases towards the close of the year.

15. *Cases in which the State was a party.*—Babu Satis Chandra Banerji, B.L., was appointed State Pleader, who relieved the Offg. State Pleader, Babu Kamal Krishna Dutt, B.L., on the 5th July.

16. The one case pending from the last year, in which the State was a party, was disposed of during the year in our favor. There was no other case to be dealt with during the year.

17. *Nezarat*—The following table shews the work done by this Department during the last two years.

Year.	Processes served free of cost.	Processes for realisation of revenue for which fees are to be realised afterwards.	Processes for which fees have been realised	Total number of processes served.	Amount of earnings. Rs. A. P.	Expenditure. Rs. A. P.
1906-1907	3,147	1,695	[illegible]	10,569	5,893 0 0	5,246 0 0
1907-1908	3,623	1,149	54,84	10,256	5,395 0 0	5,670 0 0

The increase in the number of Istahars for the settlement of Syrat Mehals chiefly accounts for the increase in the number of processes served free of cost. Owing to the decrease in cases there was decrease in the number of other processes served, resulting in the falling off in the earnings. Babu Umi Charan Sen acted as Nazir till the 20th February 1908 when the permanent incumbent Babu Kali Kumar Chatterji returned. On the retirement of Babu Ram Narayan Sirkar, Naib Nazir, during the year the Buxi, a native of the State, was appointed Naib Nazir and the post of the Buxi was abolished. The arrangement has resulted in a saving of Rs 240 annually.

18. Babu Kali Kumar Chatterji is an honest, intelligent and hard-working officer. During the short time I have been here I have been satisfied with his work.

19. *Communication Improvement Cess.*—Owing to the grant of certain lands in Mokarari rights to Munshi Amanatulla Ahmed Choudhuri of Bara Maricha in Sub-division Mathabhanga and his co-sharers there was an increase of Rs. 6 in the current cess demand, which amounted to Rs 1,947 against Rs. 1,941 of the previous year. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 33 the total demand was Rs. 1,980. The total collections amounted to Rs. 2,083 including an excess payment of Rs. 121 and Rs. 2 only was written off. There was a balance of Rs. 16 at the close of the year.

20. *Miscellaneous work.*—The comparative table given below shews the miscellaneous work done by the Revenue Department during the last two years :—

YEAR.	Number of petitions received.	Number of papers on which orders were passed	Number of Rubocaties recorded	Number of notices and other Parwanahs issued.	Number of English letters addressed.	Value of stamps sold		
						Rs	A.	P.
1906-1907	12,958	11,013(a)	992	11,860	14,185	8,164	8	6
1907-1908	11,952	10,597	990	14,721	11,381	7,907	5	0

(a) 2325 papers to be shewn here were by mistake entered under English letter.

Owing to decrease in cases, the reasons for which have been explained above, there has been a decrease under petitions received, resulting in a falling off in the value of stamps sold. For the same reason there have been decreases in the number of miscellaneous papers disposed of and notice and other Parwanahs issued. The decrease of 479 English letters calls for no particular remarks, though it is to be stated that the general flood of August 1906 considerably increased English correspondence during 1906-07.

21. *Crops and condition of the people.*—The rainfall for the year of report, amounting to 189·81 against 183·38 inches of the previous year, was adequate but the distribution was not even. The fall from February to May (29·68 inches) proved beneficial for the cultivation of the Bitri or early rice and jute but the rains of June (22·84 inches) interfered with the weeding operation and those of the following two months (87·37 inches) with the harvesting of the crops to a certain extent. The outturn of early rice may be estimated at 13 and that of jute at 14 annas. The shortness of the outturn of the former was, however, compensated to a great extent by the extension of the area under the crop, as owing to rise in the price of rice during the previous two years and the unusual fluctuations in the jute market the ryots thought it prudent and safe to curtail the area under jute and increase that under Bitri. The change was marked in the different parts of the State.

Haimanti rice, which owing to the sandy and porous nature of the soil of Cooch Behar, requires an even distribution of rain throughout the season, suffered much during the year. Till June the cultivation went on satisfactorily but the heavy downpour of July (57·11 inches) resulting in floods in portions of the Sudder and the Mathabhanga Sub-division and followed by the scanty showers of August, interfered with transplantation and injuriously affected the crop both in the low and on the high [illegible] The operation was resumed vigorously with the 48 inches of rain which [illegible] September, but the crop had already been late and as there was very little rain in October and a complete failure in

November the prospects did not appreciably improve. The average outturn did not exceed 12 annas. Tobacco and mustard-seeds did not also do well for want of sufficient rains in the winter and the outturn was about 11 annas. In Mathabhanga it is reported that some injury was caused to tobacco by insects.

22. The price of rice did not appreciably come down during the year of report. It varied from Rs. 4 to Rs. 6 a maund. The jute market was rather unsteady. For a few months the price was high. It was so high as Rs. 16 a maund in Sub-division Mekhligunj, in which are the two big marts at Haldibari and Dewangunj. But it afterwards came down to Rs. 4. Many Mahajans who had made purchases at high rates and who had business transactions in Calcutta, suffered considerable loss on this account. There was a slight improvement in the price of tobacco which rose to Rs. 12. It has risen further since the close of the year. The price of mustard-seeds and of the oil continued unchanged, being Rs. 4-8 and Rs. 14 a maund respectively.

23. The condition of the land-owning classes continued prosperous. Considering the hardship which was caused by the unusual rise in the price of rice soon after the great flood of August 1906 and which was aggravated by the circumstance of the people being obliged to depend on imported rice as stated in the report for 1906-07, the Council were pleased to issue an Istahar warning them against a thoughtless and improvident exportation of local rice. The people fully appreciated the good intentions of the authorities and there was a considerable reduction in the quantities of rice brought to the markets for sale. The result was that the price did not go below Rs. 4, which was also the lowest rate for the previous year, though it was not as high as Rs. 8. This benefited people whe had large stocks and some of them, who had suffered by the unsteadiness of the jute market, could, to a great extent, make up the loss by the sale of paddy. The case was otherwise with regard to the landless classes of the people and to State servants and others having to live on fixed incomes The rise in the prices of food-grains, and in fact of all necessaries of life, have seriously affected their resources. Even a day-labourer now charges annas 8, and sometimes even annas 12, in the place of annas 4 which he used to get before. Your Highness was again graciously pleased to grant a grain allowance to your lowly-paid servants. A Salary Committee has been formed under Your Highness's orders to consider the question of revising the pay of the ministerial officers. Until detailed proposals are submitted by the Committee and final orders are issued thereon ministerial officers drawing a salary of Rs. 40 and under will get grain allowance at rates fixed by Your Highness. The pay of the inferior servants has also been raised.

24. The health of the people was good. The *Ardhodaya Joga Snan* came off on the 2nd February 1908. With the experiences of the last *Ardhodaya Joga Snan* still fresh in memory, the Dewan moved Your Highness in Council for steps being taken to caution the ignorant ryots against the danger of an outbreak of a cholera epidemic attendant on the *Snan* as on the last occasion and Your Highness approving of the suggestion an Istahar was widely published, the Fouzdari Ahilkar, the Superintendent of Police and the Naib Ahilkars taking great interest in explaining matters to the people. It had its desired effect; the number of people who went to bathe in the Ganges from the State was very small and the health of the people continued as satisfactory as before.

25. *Emigration.*—The table given below shews the variations on account of emigration and immigration during the last two years :—

	Emigrants.	Immigrants.
Sudder	55	93
Tufangunj	20	57
Mekhligunj	158	136
Mathabhanga	229	332
Dinhata	12	11
Total	474	629
Total for previous year ...	550	528

It is satisfactory that as compared with the previous year, emigration has decreased and immigration increased.

26. *Tour.*—The Dewan States as follows in a note kindly furnished to me :—

"I was out on tour for 23 days. On the Bengali New Year's day (14th April 1907) I had the honor to take part in the Durbar held by Your Highness at Mathabhanga on the occasion of the opening of the Shutunga bridge. During the cold weather I camped at Haldibari, Mekhligunj, Debigunj, Mathabhanga and Tufangunj. The offices were inspected and several questions discussed with the officers concerned. I also visited some important Bundars and Hats.

In the course af my tour I did not see any signs of distress amongst the people in the interior, nor did I hear any complaints. On the other hand the people generally seemed to be happy and contented. The men who complained everywhere were the lowly-paid State servants. The artisans and the ordinary day-labourers increased the rates of their wages and thus tided over their difficulties. It was not easy anywhere to find a man who would agree to be employed as servants on a monthly pay".

27. The period of tour of each Naib Ahilkar and Sub-Naib Ahilkar is given below :—

Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar ...	40 days	41 days
as Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	1 day	
„ Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri as Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar ...		1 „
„ Narasinha Ch. Ghosh, Offg. Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj		64 „
„ Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahilkar, Mekhligunj		46 „
„ Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga		34 „
„ Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata		3 „
„ Bama Charan Neogi, as Offg. Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	10 days	12 days
as Offg. Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	2 days	
„ Uma Nath Dutt, as Offg. Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	8 days	14 „
as Offg. Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	6 days	

28. *Estates under the management of the Court of Wards.*—The estates of Kumar Biswendra Narayan and Rahamatulla Prodhan were taken charge of by the Court of Wards during the year under report. There were thus 18 estates under its charge, the results of management of which are shewn in the sub-joined table :—

Year.	Current demand of State revenue and of rents due to superior landlords	Arrear demand of rents due to the estates.	Current demand of rents due to the estates.	Rent collections.	Miscellaneous receipts.	Disbursements including cost of management.	Investments.	Debts on the estates.	Cash in hand.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1906-07 ...	94,180	1,47,385	1,41,054	1,34,113	68,237	2,05,225	1,15,319	13,426	8,323
1907-08 ...	1,02,319	1,62,235	1,55,478	1,64,560	84,258	2,40,787	2,26,851	129642	12,093
Figures for the 16 old estates...	94,131	1,55,338	1,42,578	1,51,952	59,189	2,08,551	1,12,762	123160	10,315
Add figures for the 2 new estates ...	8,188	6,897	12,900	12,608	25,069	32,236	1,14,089	6,482	1,778

With regard to the estates which have been under our management from before the rent collections have exceeded the current demand in the case of all excepting the estates of minor Sasindra Nath Chakrabarti and Khagendra Narayan Hisabia, in which there have been decreases to the extent of Rs. 510 and Rs. 103 only respectively. The debts have also come down from Rs. 1,34,260 to Rs. 1,29,642 and the cash balance in hand increased from Rs. 8,323 to Rs. 12,093. There has been an increase of Rs. 35,562 in the disbursements and are chiefly observable in the estate of minors Sovan Ali and Soleman Ali. The increase is, however, more apparent than real as during the year large adjustments had to be made by transfer. It is also due to the fact that the amount kept under general deposit during the year was less than that of the year previous.

29. As stated above the estates of the late Kumar Biswendra Narayan and Rahamatulla Prodhan were taken charge of by the Court of Wards during the year of report. The Kumar was a near cousin of your Highness. His properties were once before under the management of the Malcutchery when he was a minor and were released on his attaining majority in 1893-94. He became involved in debts and on his application the State took charge of his immoveable properties under the provisions of the Encumbered Estates Act. The Kumar died soon afterwards leaving behind him a son named Kumar Rabindra Narayan and aged 10 years only, as the sole heir of his properties. With the sanction of Your Highness in Council the charge of the properties has been retained by the Court of Wards on behalf of the minor.

30. Rahamatulla Prodhan was a representative of the family of the late Jhagru Prodhan of Fateh Mamud. He died at the early age of 47 leaving behind him 4 sons, the eldest of whom was 27 years old. This young man also died within a short time of his father's death. The other boys are minors, the eldest being only 17 years old. Rahamatulla had no large landed properties; the income from this source did not exceed Rs 4,000 but he had extensive money-lending transactions. The total amount lent out is Rs 1,14,089. There were also some khamar lands in the State as well as in the District of Julpaiguri. On the application of Munshi Eanatulla Prodhan, brother of Rahamatulla Prodhan, and in the interest of the minors, Your Highness in Council was pleased to sanction the assumption of the charge of their properties by the Court of Wards. Babu Tarani Kanta Chaudhuri who worked as a Sub-divisional Head-Clerk and Sheristadar for a long time, has been appointed Manager of the Estate.

31. The General Manager Babu Surjya Kanta Das, Babu Hara Chandra Roy Manager of the Estates of Babu Tarrini Charan Chackerbutti and the late Saiduddin Ahmed and Babu Tarani Kanta Chaudhuri, Manager of the Estate of the late Rahamatulla Prodhan, performed their duties with zeal and took great interest in the welfare of the estates under their charge.

32. *Character of officers.*—The Dewan has favored me with the following remarks regarding character of officers:—

"Babu Gopal Chander Chatterjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar, who was in charge of the Dinhata Sub-division up to the 3rd November 1907, continued to do good work there in the Revenue Department.

Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, B.L., was Sudder Naib Ahilkar and Treasury Officer up to the 14th March 1908 and was Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar and Treasury Officer for the remaining portion of the year. His intelligence, tactfulness and great experience enabled him as Sudder Naib Ahilkar to render me valuable assistance which I again cordially acknowledge. His management of the Court of Wards Department was sympathetic.

Babu Ashutosh Ghose, B.L., has been doing excellent work at Mathabhanga. He takes great interest in the welfare of the people of his sub-division and is much respected.

Babu Hari Nath Bose, B.L., has been managing the Sub-division of Mekhligunj satisfactorily.

Rai Choudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi was on leave during the year.

Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterje, M.A. B.L., was Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar from the beginning of the year up to the 14th March last, after which he went to Dinhata. He is a very good officer.

Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghose, M.A. B.L., Officiating Naib Ahilkar, has been in charge of Tufangunj throughout the year and has worked with energy and intelligence.

Babu Banda Charn Neogi, B.L., Sub Naib Ahilkar, who acted for some time as Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga and afterwards as Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata, has lately retired from service.

Babu Jagadballav Biswas, M.A. B.L., Sub Naib Ahilkar, is still on deputation at Panga as Assistant Manager and is engaged there in the difficult work of settlement. He is intelligent and is fully devoted to his work.

Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A. B.L., Sub Naib Ahilkar, continued to be on deputation in the Tobacco Farm.

Babu Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Officiating Sub Naib Ahilkar, was in charge of the Duar Office during the year. He worked in different Subdivisions before and acquired considerable experience in both Executive and Judicial work. He has lately reverted to his substantive post of Sudder Canoongoe.

Babu Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Officiating Peripatetic Sub Naib Ahilkar, discharged his duties satisfactorily. Owing to the abolition of the post in which he had been acting, he was thrown out of employment after the close of the year. He is a resident of the State.

In successive reports I testified to the intelligence and ability with which Babu Rajani Kanta Ray, Head Clerk and Sheristadar, always discharged his duties. He is still as hard working as before. I am sorry I could not find an opportunity of recommending an increase to his pay."

SECTION II—SETTLEMENT.

33. As stated in the previous report the operations connected with the resettlement of the Town of Cooch Behar were wound up at the beginning of March 1907. During the year under report Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterji, Naib Ahilkar, was engaged in preparing the Completion Report which was not submitted until March last. It was also necessary to entertain a small establishment for completing some of the statements and maps. The total cost on this account amounted to Rs. 390 out of a total grant of Rs. 1,000 sanctioned for the year under report.

34. Since the close of the year *Tauji Mal* or reconciliation of discrepancies between the towji and the settlement papers has been taken up When this is finished and all the figures fully checked the Completion Report of the Naib Ahilkar will be submitted to Your Highness in Council. As stated in the last report the resettlement came into effect from the beginning of the year under report and the increase entered in the Towji for that year was Rs. 2,398.

SECTION III.—EXCISE REVENUE.

35. There was a further increase of Rs. 9,513 in the current demand of Excise Revenue, which rose from Rs. 1,13,316 in the previous to Rs. 1,22,829 in the year under report. This is the highest current demand of Excise Revenue recorded in our accounts. Taking the population of the State to be 5,16,973 as ascertained in the Census of 1901, the incidence of revenue amounted to 3 annas 5 pies per head against 5 annas for 1906-07 for Bengal. It may be stated that the Cooch Behar rayats do not generally drink. Country spirit is mostly consumed by people coming from outside. The balance at the close of 1906-07 was Rs. 25 and so the total demand amounted to Rs. 1,22,854, out of which Rs 1,22,829 was collected and the balance of Rs 25 remitted. This remission represents the balance of license-fees due from a lessee who had left the State and no properties belonging to him could be traced. There was however, no loss of State revenue as the amount of license-fees deposited by the man was forfeited to the State. The variations under the different heads of Excise Revenue are explained below :—

(1) *Country Spirit.*—Increase Rs. 4,554. As in the previous year competition amongst rival Abkars and decrease in consumption of imported spirits accounts for the increase.

(2) *Imported Spirit.*—Decrease Rs. 193-3. There was a further decrease of 328½ bottles in consumption. There was, however, an increase of Rs. 109 in license-fees owing to grant of a license to Messrs D. Sorabji & Co. for the sale of liquors at the Cooch Behar Dak Bunglow ; Messrs Sorabji & Co., state that their sales at the Dak Bunglow were very small.

(3) *Ganja.*—The license-fees rose from Rs. 20,636 to Rs. 22,040 and duty from Rs. 24,886-2 to Rs. 27,383-6. There was an increase of 5 Maunds, 26 Seers, 12 Chataks in consumption. Ganja is used mostly by the lower classes of people who depend solely on agriculture and who having got high prices for their crops during the last year could easily afford to pay for the luxury. There was also a reduction in price in Rajshye whence our supplies are obtained. These circumstances account for the inrease.

Opium.—There was an increase of 20 Seers in consumptions resulting in an increase of Rs. 620 on account of duty. The license-fees also slightly rose by Rs. 168.

A detailed statement shewing the demand and collections under each head is appended.

36. The collections for each Sub-division are compared in the following table:—

Name of Sub-division.	Total demands for 1907-1908.			Total collections for 1907-1908.			Collections for 1906-1907.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder	41,917	0	0	41,917	0	0	39,310	0	0
Tufangunj	21,629	0	0	21,604	0	0	18,850	0	0
Mekhligunj...	17,609	0	0	17,609	0	0	15,806	0	0
Mathabhanga	17,937	0	0	17,937	0	0	17,442	0	0
Dinhata	23,763	0	0	23,763	0	0	21,909	0	0
Total ...	1,22,855	0	0	1,22,830	0	0	1,13,317	0	0

37. There were 11 cases for breach of Excise laws against 10 of the previous year. The amount of reward paid was Rs 50 only.

SECTION IV.—TREASURY AND STAMP REVENUE.

38. Babu Harendra Narayan Choudhuri, B.L., was in charge of the Treasury throughout the year.

39. The year opened with a cash balance of Rs. 9,84,068 of which Rs. 7,15,535 belonged to the State and Rs. 1,39,291 to the Government; the balance of Rs. 1,29,242 appertained to Funds and Deposits. The closing balance was Rs. 10,39,580 divided as follows:—

	Rs.
Cooch Behar State	7,50,818
Government	1,11,830
Funds and Deposits	1,76,932
	10,39,580

The actual closing balance was thus better by Rs. 55,512 than the opening balance.

In addition, if we take into account the depletion, towards the close of the year, of one lac of rupees out of the cash balance for investment into Government securities to meet charges of the Railway conversion, the result would appear to be very satisfactory.

40. The total receipts and disbursements of the year were Rs. 39,13,260 and Rs. 38,57,747 against Rs. 33,28,508 and Rs. 33,11,720, respectively, of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 5,84,752 in receipts and Rs. 5,46,027 in disbursements. This increase is more apparent than real, as the sums which actually passed through the hands of the Treasurer were Rs 29,92,879 under receipts and Rs. 29,37,367 under disbursements, the rest being per contra transactions from one head of service to another.

41. During the year under review Rs. 18,06,635 was received and Rs. 17,37,510 paid in currency notes against Rs. 16,73,105 and Rs. 19,04,335, respectively, of the previous year shewing an increase of Rs. 1,33,530 under receipts and a decrease of Rs. 1,66,825 under disbursements. The cause of increase under receipt is large remittances from the local Post Office and greater demand for specie by the local merchants. On the other hand owing to our inability to supply currency notes to the public in exchange of cash during the months of June, July and August 1907, the issue of currency notes fell off by Rs. 1,66,825 as stated above.

42. It will be seen from the statement hereto annexed that the total stamp revenue for the year under review amounted to Rs. 1,73,461-11-9 against Rs. 1,70,641-11-6 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 2,820-0-3 Out of the total gross receipt of Rs. 1,73,461-11-9, Rs. 3,898-5-3 was paid to vendors as commission and the net revenue amounted to Rs. 1,69,563-6-5.

43. The following table compares the receipts under each denomination of stamps for the last two years :—

Denomination of stamps.	Receipts.						Difference						Remarks.
	1907-08.			1906-07.			Increase.			Decrease.			
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.		
Judicial stamps ...	90,498	9	0	37,421	8	0	3,077	1	0	.....			
Documentary ,, ...	39,586	10	0	42,349	4	0	.....			2,762	10		
Court-fee ,, ...	33,470	4	0	32,093	8	0	1,376	12	0	.....			
Copying-fee ,, ..	3,907	11	0	3,310	0	0	597	11	0	.....			
Adhesive ,, ...	4,732	4	0	4,316	4	0	416	0	0	.....			
Cartridge paper ..	1,007	13	9	962	0	0	45	13	9	.....			
Miscellaneous ...	258	8	0	189	3	6	69	4	6	.....			
Total ...	1,73,461	11	9	1,70,641	11	6	5,582	10	3	2,762	10		Net increase Rs 2,820-0-3.

It will be seen that there have been increases under all denominations of stamp except documentary stamps. The decrease under documentary stamps is partly attributed to decrease in the indebtedness of the rayats owing to improvement in their material condition. The increase under Judicial, Court-Fee and Copying-fee Stamps and Cartridge Paper is due to increase in civil suits and under Adhesive Stamps chiefly to extension of trade. There were two cases instituted in the Court of the Civil Judge in which the claim amounted to a large sum. The general incidence of stamp revenue on the population as arrived at by the last census (5,66,973) is annas 4-10.72 pies per head.

SECTION V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

44. *Visit of His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur to Mathabhanga.*—The year under report was marked by the visit of Your Highness on the 14th April 1907, corresponding with the 1st Baisakh 1314, to the Sub-divisional town of Mathabhanga. The occasion was the opening for traffic of the new iron bridge constructed over the Shutunga river below the town. It is the largest iron bridge in the State with a total length of 339 ft. divided into 8 spans. A description of it is given in paragraph 65 of the Superintendent of State's Annual Report for 1906-07. Your Highness left for Mathabhanga on the morning of the 14th April accompanied by the four Maharaj-Kumars and the Superintendent of the State. The Dewan of the State, the Superintendents of Police and Works and the Personal Assistant (now Secretary) to Your Highness had preceded Your Highness. Your Highness and party motored upto the Manabari Ghat on the Mansai river and entered the town a little after 12 a.m. on elephants, a procession of which had been formed on the other side of the river. Nearly the whole road from the town below Cooch Behar to the boundary of the Mathabhanga town, a distance of more than 16 miles, was decorated by the Jotedars and their under-tenants with rows of plantain trees and flags from there to the bridge which was to be opened; the decorations made by the local Town Committee and the residents were more elaborate,

There were triumphal arches at different places. There was also native r
Your Highness was received in a Shamianah erected for the occasion nea
bridge and the members of the local Town Committee and the residents
Sub-division presented two separate addresses to which Your Highness
pleased to make the following joint reply:—

"I PROPOSE to reply to both of your kind addresses together. In the
place, I am much obliged to you for your kind words of welcome. I
given me much pleasure to-day to see, as I came along, the evident sign
progress and advancement, when I compare to-day's experiences with the
my last visit to Mathabhanga, more than 20 years ago. I was glad to n
the number of school boys of all ages at different stages of my journey
improvements in the means of communication; and the extension of cultiva
The latter is a sure sign of your prosperity in which I shall, and my sons
be always deeply interested. I like to think that by the new settleme
largely contributed to this progress.

"In both your addresses I notice references to the tobacco trade. As
are doubtless aware, this is a matter in which I am personally interes
During the past two years, experiments have been made in the matter of
improvement of the cultivation and curing of tobacco. These experim
justify their continuance for another year, by which time I hope we shall
in a position to advise you how to improve your methods of production
your product, and also to provide you with a ready and profitable market.
do not propose to say more at present, as the matter is still in the experim
tal stage, but I am hopeful that the day is not far distant when I shall be
to ask for your help in order that Cooch Behar, and Mathabhanga in particu
may maintain its reputation for producing a valuable and appreciated tobac

"There are two other matters to which you allude, Education and Railv
development. Now as regards education, I fully agree with your expression
opinion that the further expansion of education, both primary and secondary
desirable. I indeed would go further and say it is an imminent necessi
The subject is engaging the careful attention of the State Council. But
there is to be free and compulsory primary education, as you suggest, gent
men, we have to consider ways and means. At present, as you are aware,
cess is levied in the State, no income tax is realised. I am glad that such
the case and have no intention of departing from the promise made at t
time of the settlement that no cesses should be imposed, and none will
during the course of the present settlement. But I am sure you will readi
understand that if effect is to be given to these aspirations, with which I a
in full accord, money must be provided. Education, gentlemen, is but one
the many departments of the administration, and though second in importan
to none of them, the other departments must not suffer in order that it ma
prosper. I can asure you, however, that we will carefully consider if primar
education can be extended and if it is possible to confer such a boon withou
charge.

"As regards secondary education, it is my desire that my State should b
self-sufficient and self-contained in this respect. I wish, in other words, tha
in the State may be found every opportunity for any of my subjects to prose
cute such studies as he or his parents may desire. It will take time and con
siderable expenditure to encompass this object, but such is our ideal. You
have at Cooch Behar a College which, I believe, to be second to none of the
Colleges outside Calcutta. The Jenkins' School will soon be re-organised and
improved, and I hope to be able to include in the scheme of re-organisation
improvements in the Sub-divisional Schools, to which I notice with pleasure
the public have given liberal aid. Persevere, gentlemen, in your efforts, and
we will persevere in ours, and if this is done, I am sure our educational system
will reach the ideal to which I have alluded. You will certainly not find me
wanting in any help you may require towards seconding your own efforts,
whether for technical or collegiate education.

"As regards a railway connecting Mathabhanga with some other line, as
you are aware, this is not a new idea and at one time such a line seemed

imminent. Recently the matter came up for discussion in my Council in connection with a petition signed by several of your leading residents. The position at present is this: I am anxious to have my present railway converted from the 2′ 6″ gauge to the standard metre gauge, and such funds as can be spared are pledged to that purpose. When this is finished your request can be and will be favourably considered. I am given to understand that a railway from Cooch Behar to Mathabhanga and then on to Falacatta might be constructed at a cost of six and a half lakhs of rupees. Now I would ask you to talk over the matter amongst yourselves, and see if two-thirds of this capital could be raised by the issue of shares, with interest guaranteed by the State at 3½ per cent. If this could be done, I think it is possible, though I do not pledge myself to this, that I might find the other third. The construction of a line to Patgram would, in one way, be cheaper, but as a portion of it would be outside my State, difficulties might arise, and I would prefer to have a line confined to and helping to develop the State.

"Gentlemen of the Town Committee, I am glad to learn you appreciate the benefits of municipal government. Your budget every year is read with interest, and I have noticed with pleasure the commendatory reports of inspecting officers. Though you have not a large sum of money to spend, yet I am glad that when it is to be spent in the improvement of your immediate surroundings, those who live in the place should have a voice in the objects on which the money is to be spent.

"It only remains, gentlemen, for me to thank you on behalf of Her Highness and the Maharajkumars for your loyal wishes and cordial welcome, kind thoughts which we most heartily reciprocate."

The principal Jotedars and other residents were then introduced to Your Highness by the Dewan.

45. After opening the bridge Your Highness inspected the Sub-divisional Office, the Higher Class English School, the Girls' School, the Boarding Institution, the Hospital, the Lock-up, the Thanah and the Bunder. As a mark of loyalty and to commemorate the occasion Munshi Amanatulla Ahmed Chowdhury and Munshi Poshar Mohamed, two of the principal Jotedars of the Sub-division promised a subscription of Rs. 240 for a scholarship of Rs. 10 a month tenable for two years to be held by a native student of the Mathabhanga School who got the highest number of marks at the Entrance Examination. Your Highness has also been pleased to sanction the construction of a Panthasala at Mathabhanga for the benefit of the travellers coming there, at a cost of Rs. 4,000. Your Highness's visit to Mathabhanga marks an important epoch in your Rule. The reply which Your Highness was pleased to give to the addresses presented on the occasion again clearly expresses your deep solicitude for the welfare of your subjects and the declaration by yourself in an open Durbar of the very beneficient policy in regard to Education, trade and taxation in the State will have a far-reaching effect on your devoted and loyal subjects. This was the first time that a Ruler of the State met his subjects in a Durbar at a Sub-divisional station.

Your Highness was graciously pleased to express to Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga, your satisfaction with all that you had seen there.

46. *Bundurs.*—Owing to the rise in the price of jute, as stated in paragraph 22 of this report, and the increase in the outturn the number of carts laden with that article brought to the Haldibari Bunder rose from 60,943 in the previous to 75,935 in the year of report. The market, however, continued fluctuating and it is reported that many Paikars who had bought at high rates had to sell at a loss. The number of other carts was 6,745, of which 5,003 against 4,125 of the previous year brought tobacco. The collection on account of cart-tolls amounted to Rs 10,335 which exceeded those for the previous year by Rs. 1,933-8. There was also small miscellaneous collections amounting to Rs. 18-8. The total expenditure was Rs. 1,676-1-9 and the net gain to the State Rs. 8,677-6-3 against Rs. 6,833-3-3, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,844-3. With a view to the re-settlement of the Bunder a survey has been lately completed. It is proposed to conclude the settlement at existing rates.

47. The Dewangunj Hât has only now almost regained its former condition. Bhelang Das, with whom a settlement of the Hât was concluded, has by his lenient dealings with the shop-keepers greatly contributed to its improvement and as a reward for his loyal assistance Your Highness has been pleased to grant him a remission of arrears of revenue amounting to Rs. 1,000. The proposal of erecting a tin shed for protecting jute and tobacco from rain has been approved of and the work will be soon taken up. Some more land was taken up for the extension of the Changrabanda Bunder which continues to gain in prosperity.

48. The Bunder at Chawrahat also continues to flourish. During the year under report the younger Mr. Apcar of the firm of Messrs Apcar and Co., separated himself from his brother and opened a new firm. The firm of the late Babu Hakum Chand Oswal continues prosperous. At the Calicagunj Bunder at Mathabhanga the total quantities of tobacco and jute exported are estimated at 37,920 and 44,175 maunds respectively.

49. *Fairs.*—The collections at the Haldibari fair amounted to Rs. 1,712 against Rs. 1,524 of the previous year and those at the Fulbari and the Garaderhat fair Rs. 537. The income derived from the Dinhata fair, which is now enjoyed by the Town Committee, amounted to Rs. 2,939 against Rs. 3,262. The Gadadhur fair was leased out for Rs. 224.

50. *Cooch Behar Town.*—As stated in the last report the new settlement came into force in the town of Cooch Behar with effect from the year of report. The current demand for the year under report amounted to Rs. 19,098 against Rs. 16,743 of the previous year showing a net increase of Rs. 2,355. The gross increase, however, amounted to Rs. 2,949 of which Rs. 2,398 represents the increase due to the re-settlement operations. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 2,614 the total demand amounted to Rs. 21,712 of which, inclusive of an excess payment of Rs. 17, Rs. 19,294 against Rs. 16,350 of the previous year was collected. Rs. 1,440 was remitted and the balance at the close of the year was Rs. 995. In the last report reference was made to a certain amount which was not really due but which was for various reasons included in the balance. This has since been adjusted.

51. *Works of public utility constructed by private individuals.*—The following works deserve mention :—

(*a*) A pucca Thakurbari at the Sub-divisional Station of Dinhata constructed by Babus Dhairjya Nath and Baidya Nath Sirkar of Mirerkuti at a cost of Rs. 3,083.

(*b*) A corrugated iron Nat Mandir in front of the above Thakurbari constructed by Babu Surjya Nath Saud at cost of Rs. 2,146.

Your Highness in Council has been pleased to formally acknowledge the liberality and public-spiritedness of the donors.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient and humble servant,
BHUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI,
Revenue Officer of the Cooch Behar State.

APPENDIX.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. I.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Mál) for the year 1907-1908.*

Name of Mehal.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year	Previous year	TOTAL	Present year	Previous year	TOTAL	Present year	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P	Rs. A P	Rs A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	R. A. P.
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Estates..	7,540 15 6	.....	7,540 15 6	7,581 6 8	.....	7,581 6 8	....	....	.. .		.....	.....	40 7 2	.....	40 7 2
Estates not permanently settled ..	11,65,601 11 9	19,750 3 5	11,85,351 15 2	11,60,057 13 6	14,074 2 6	11,74,132 0 0	4,390 7 5	2,750 11 8	7 141 3 1	5,658 3 4	2,925 5 3	8,583 8 7	4,504 12 6	.....	4,504 12 6
TOTAL ...	11,73,142 11 3	19,750 3 5	11,92,892 14 8	11,67,639 4 2	14,074 2 6	11,81,713 6 8	4,390 7 5	2 750 11 8	7,141 3 1	5 658 3 4	2,925 5 3	8,583 8 7	4,545 3 8	.....	4,545 3 8
Syrat Mehals ..	98,992 8 0	9,029 6 3	1,08,021 14 3	92,529 3 9	7,601 10 3	1,00,130 14 0	550 0 0	27 10 0	577 10 0	6,224 1 6	1,400 2 0	7,624 3 6	310 13 3	.....	310 13 3
GRAND TOTAL	(a.) 12,72,135 3 3	(b.) 28,779 9 8	13,00,914 12 11	12,60,168 7 11	21,675 12 9	(c) 12,81,844 4 8	4,940 7 5	2,778 5 8	(d) 7,718 13 1	11,882 4 10	4,325 7 3	16,207 12 1	4,856 0 11	.....	4,856 0 11

EXPLANATIONS:

(a.)—The current demand for the year is Rs. 12,72,135-3-3 against Rs. 12,63,216-3-5 of the previous year The gross increase amounts to Rs. 17,487-5-9 and the decrease to Rs. 8,568-5-11. There is thus a net increase of Rs. 8,918-15-10. Details are given below:—

INCREASE.

	Rs.	A	P.
Increase due to settlement of Khas and relinquished jotes and other Khas lands	3,852	2	1
Ditto due to re-settlement of time-expired jotes	311	6	0
Ditto due to re-settlement of the town of Cooch Behar	2,319	7	5
Ditto due to assessment at full rates of jotes held before at half rates	32	1	2
Ditto due to re-settlement of Bunder lands	111	0	4
Ditto due to re-settlement of Syrat Mehals at increased jummas .	10,771	11	0
Ditto due to rectification of mistakes and other miscellaneous causes	59	9	9
Total ..	17,487	5	9

(b.)—Total balance shewn at the close of the previous year	26,922	0	1
Arrears brought forward in this statement	28,779	9	8
Net increase due to settlements with retrospective effect	1,857	9	7

(c.)—The total collections include excess payments, which form no part of the demand. These payments should, therefore, be deducted in order to arrive at the correct balance.

(d.) *Vide* Council Office No. 889D, dated the 23rd June 1908.

DECREASE.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Decrease due to re-settlement of the town of Cooch Behar	5	1	9
Ditto re settlement of Bunder lands	23	3	8
Ditto jotes relinquished	854	0	0
Ditto reduction of jumma for diluvion, taking up of lands for public purposes and for other reasons as explained in the statement of reductions and remissions	2,567	2	5
Ditto jotes made Khas under Section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act . ..	78	0	9
Ditto the grant of Mokarary lease at reduced jummas	35	3	8
Ditto re-settlement of Syrat Mehals at reduced jummas	4,961	0	0
Ditto rectification of mistakes and other miscellaneous causes	44	9	8
TOTAL ...	8,568	5	11

BHUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI,

Revenue Officer, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. II.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Deluttor) for the year 1907-1908.*

Name of Mehal.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL	Present year	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A P.	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Mehals.	36 9 4	.....	36 9 4	36 9 4	....	36 9 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Estates not permanently settled	1,07,145 0 11	1,642 15 1	1,08,788 0 9	1,05,890 14 11	1,577 13 9	1,07,468 12 8	263 6 2	38 4 6	307 10 8	1,318 2 10	26 13 7	1,345 0 5	323 7 0	.....	323 7 0
TOTAL ..	1,07,181 10 3	1,642 15 10	1,08,824 10 1	1,05,917 8 3	1,577 13 9	1,07,495 6 1	263 6 2	38 4 6	307 10 8	1,318 2 10	26 13 7	1,345 0 5	323 7 0	.....	323 7 0
Syrat Mehals	4,178 0 0	549 6 0	4,727 6 0	4,013 12 0	541 14 0	4,555 10 0	.....	.....	.. .	303 14 0	7 8 0	317 6 0	145 10 0	.....	145 10 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	(a) 1,11,359 10 3	(b) 2,192 5 10	1,13,552 0 1	1,09,931 4 3	2 119 11 9	1,12,051 0 0	263 6 2	38 4 6	307 10 8	1,622 0 10	34 5 7	1,662 6 5	469 1 0	.....	469 1 0

EXPLANATIONS:

(a.)—The current demand for the year is Rs. 1,11,359-10-3 against Rs. 1,11,280-13-11 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Rs. 292-15-3 and the decrease to Rs. 214-2-11 There is thus a net increase of Rs. 78-12-4. Details are given below:—

INCREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
Increase due to re-settlement of the Town of Cooch Behar	18 8 10
Ditto due to settlement of Khas and relinquished jotes	30 6 5
Ditto due to re-settlement of Syrat Mehals at increased jummas	214 0 0
Total ..	292 15 3

DECREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
Decrease due re-settlement of the Town of Cooch Behar	22 12 10
Ditto due to reduction of jummas for deluvion and taking up of lands for public purposes	186 6 1
Ditto due to re settlement of Syrat Mehals at reduced jummas .. .. —	55 0 0
Total	214 2 11

(b.)—Total balance shewn at the close of the previous year 2,142 5 11

Arrears brought forward in this statement. As there is no increase or decrease this require no explanation. 2,192 5 10

(c.)—The total collections include excess payments, which form no part of the demand. These payments should, therefore, be deducted in order to arrive at the correct balance.

(d.)—*Vide* Council Office No. 538D of the 23rd June 1908.

BHUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI,
Revenue Officer, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. III.—*Statement of Demands, Collections, Remissions and Balances of Excise Revenue for the year* 1907-1908.

EXCISEABLE ARTICLES.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS			Remissions.	BALANCES.		
	Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Current	Arrear	Total		Current	Arrear.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A P.	Rs. A P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Tax on Out-still shops of country spirit	55,482 0 0	.....	55,482 0 0	55,482 0 0	.....	55,482 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of imported liquor shops ...	589 0 0	.....	589 0 0	589 0 0	.....	589 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Ganja	27,380 6 0	.....	27,380 6 0	27,380 6 0	.....	27,380 6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of Ganja shops	22,040 0 0	25 8 0	22,065 8 0	22,040 0 0	.....	22,040 0 0	25 8 0	.....	.....	.....
Ditto of Opium shops	3,516 0 0	.....	3,516 0 0	3,516 0 0	.....	3,516 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Opium	12,803 0 0	.....	12,803 0 0	12,803 0 0	.....	12,803 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on imported spirit	468 0 0	.....	468 0 0	468 0 0	.....	468 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous collections	550 15 0	.....	550 15 0	550 15 0	.....	550 15 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL ...	1,22,829 5 0	25 8 0	1,22,854 13 0	1,22,829 5 0	.....	1,22,829 5 0	25 8 0	.....	.....	.....

EXCISE OFFICE,
Dated, the 26th June 1908.

BHUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI,
Revenue officer, Cooch Behar.

Statement shewing the collection of Stamp Revenue for the year 1907-08.

Name of Sub-division.	Judicial.		Documentary.		Court fee.		Copying fee.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	Commission to Vendors.	Net amount.	Cartridge paper.			Adhesive Stamps.			Grand total of gross amount.	Grand total of net amount.
	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	Duty on unstamped paper.	Fines & penalties.				With commission.	Commission to vendors.	Net amount.	With commission.	Commission to vendors.	Net amount.		
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sudder ...	28,267 0	5,177 9	11,293 8	202 2	10,673 8	0 4	1,83 8	0 3	156 0	75 4 0	57,528 14	1,219 7 9	56,309 6 3	395 0 9	24 11 0	370 5 9	1,414 0 0	44 3 0	1,369 13 0	59,337 14 9	58,049 9 0
Dinhata ..	15,995 0	199 0	9,143 8	....	7,312 8	....	659 8	....	2 0	20 0 0	33,331 8	755 3 0	32,576 5 0	212 8 0	13 4 6	199 3 6	728 0 0	22 12 0	705 4 0	34,272 0 0	33,480 12 6
Mathabhanga ...	23,040 0	114 0	9,087 8	....	8,977 0	....	867 0	....	..	5 4 0	42,090 12	940 0 9	41,150 11 3	230 8 0	14 6 6	216 1 6	941 8 0	29 6 9	912 1 3	43,262 12 0	42,278 14 0
Mekliganj ..	10,902 0	....	6,807 0	....	3,803 0	....	429 0	..	..	....	21,941 0	468 14 0	21,472 2 0	107 1 0	6 11 0	100 6 0	1,319 12 0	41 3 9	1,278 8 3	23,367 13 0	22,551 0 3
Toofanganj ..	6,708 0	96 0	3,048 0	5 0	2,704 0	....	268 8	....	..	....	12,829 8	303 14 0	12,525 10 0	62 12 0	3 14 9	58 13 3	329 0 0	10 4 6	318 11 6	13,221 4 0	12,903 2 9
Total ...	84,912 0	5,586 9	39,379 8	207 2	33,470 0	0 4	3,907 8	0 3	158 0	100 8 0	1,67,721 10	3,687 7 6	1,64,034 2 6	1,007 13 9	62 15 9	944 14 0	4,733 4 0	147 14 0	4,584 6 0	1,73,461 11 9	1,69,563 6 6

BHUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI,

Revenue Officer, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

BABU PRIYANATH DATTA, M.A., B.L.,

Civil and Sessions Judge, Cooch Behar.

To

THE PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 27th June 1908.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the State of Cooch Behar for the year 1907-08 to which are annexed the annual statements No. I to XI.

Charge.

2. I was in charge of the office of Civil and Sessions Judge throughout the year.

The following table shows the changes in the subordinate Judicial posts:—

SUB DIVISIONS	Names of Officers	Terms of employment.
Sudder ...	Babu Raj Krishna Das, L C E., Assistant Civil Judge	From the 1st of April 1907 to the 7th of February 1908; from the 8th of March to the 31st of March, 1908
Do ...	Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterji, B.L., Offg Assistant Civil Judge.	From the 8th February to the 7th of March 1908.
Do. ...	Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterji, M A, B.L., Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April 1907 to the 1st of March 1908.
Do. ...	Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 16th of March to the 31st of March 1908.
Do. ...	Babu Bama Charan Neogi, B.L., Rent Suit Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April to the 19th of July 1907.
Do. ...	Babu Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Additional Rent Suit Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April 1907 to the 31st of March 1908.
Toofangunj...	Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L, Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April 1907 to the 31st of March 1908.
Dinhata ...	Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterji, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April 1907 to the 3rd of November 1907
Do. ...	Babu Bama Charan Niogi, B.L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	From the 4th of November 1907 to the 15th of March 1908.
Do. ...	Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterji, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 17th to the 31st of March 1908.
Do. ...	Babu Uma Nath Datta, B.L., Offg. Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st to 2nd April 1907; from the 7th of July to 6th of August 1907; from the 7th of October to the 30th November 1907; from the 6th of February 1908 to 31st of March 1908.
Mathabhanga	Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	From the 1st of April to the 21st of July 1907; from the 2nd of October 1907 to the 31st of March 1908.
Do.	Babu Bama Charan Neogi, B.L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	From the 22nd of July to the 21st of October 1907.
Do. ...	Babu Bama Charan Neogi, B.L., Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st to the 5th of April 1907.
Do. ...	Babu Uma Nath Datta, B.L., Offg. Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	From the 6th of April to the 6th of July 1907; from the 4th of December 1907 to the 3rd of February 1908.
Mekligunj ...	Babu Hari Nath Basu, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April 1907 to the 31st of March 1908.

Institution of original suit

3. The original suits instituted during the last four years are shown below :—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits up to Rs 50 and Rs 20.	Total.
1904-05	1,476	4,244	1,296	7,016
1905-06	1,534	3,881	1,628	7,043
1906-07 ...	1,689	3,269	1,617	6,575
1907-08	2,027	3,200	1,541	6,768

It will be observed from the above that the number of institutions during the year under report was 6768 against 6575 of the previous year, showing an increase of 193 suits.

Details of increase and decrease in the institutions

4. The table given below shows the increase and decrease in the institutions in the several Civil and Rent Courts of the State :—

COURTS	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease.
Civil Judge	.....	9	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge	103	.....	.....	12
Sudder Rent Suit Officers	.....	.....	.....	1
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	.....	25	.....	15
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	64	.....	.....	49
Sub Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	.....	6	.....	8
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	159	.....	13	.....
Sub Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	.....	5	6	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	.....	19	.....	3
Total ...	326	64	19	88

Civil suits increased in the Courts of the Assistant Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkars of Dinhata and Mathabhanga by 103, 64 and 159, respectively, and decreased in the Courts of the Civil Judge, Naib Ahilkar of Toofangunj, Sub-Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata and Mathabhanga and the Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj by 9, 25, 6, 5 and 19 respectively.

Rent suits increased in the Courts of the Naib Ahilkar and the Sub-Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga by 13 and 6, respectively, and decreased in the Courts of the Assistant Civil Judge, Sudder Rent Suit Officers, Naib Ahilkars of Toofangunj and Dinhata, Sub-Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata and the Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj by 12, 1, 15, 49, 8 and 3 respectively.

The increase is slight and is due to general causes.

Classification of suits

5. Statement No. 2 shows that out of a total of 6768 institutions, 3200 were rent suits, 3167 were suits on bonds and other obligations; 392 for land and other immoveable properties and 9 related to matrimonial rights.

Execution of decrees.

6. The number of applications for execution of decrees during the last four years is shown in the table given below:—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1904-1905	1,427	1,444	592	3,463
1905-1906	1,416	1,678	716	3,810
1906-1907	1,383	1,436	635	3,404
1907-1908	1,499	1,362	682	3,543

The number of applications filed during the year was 3543 against 3404 of the previous year, showing an increase of 139 applications.

Miscellaneous cases.

7. The number of miscellaneous cases instituted during the last two years is shown below;—

Years.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
1906-1907	464	23
1907-1908	452	20

Applications for certificates.

8. The number of appications for certificates of guardianship under Act VI of 1897 was 63 against 50 of the previous year, showing an increase of 13 applications and the number of applications for certificates under Act V of 1898 was 71 against 60 of the previous year, showing an increase 11 applications.

Applications for Probate cases.

9. The Probate and Administration Act was introduced during the year and the number of applications under it was 20 of which 9 were disposed of.

Rank of Courts according to institutions.

10. According to the number of original suits instituted, the subordinate, courts ranks thus:—

(1.)	Assistant Civil Judge	1,958
(2.)	Naib Ahilkar, Maibabhanga	1,927
(3.)	Ditto Dinhata	1,469
(4.)	Ditto Mekligunj	856
(5.)	Ditto Toofangunj	527

Disposal of suits.

11. The disposal of original suits during the last four years is shown in the statement given below:—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1904-1905	1,466	4,261	1,264	6,991
1905-1906	1,533	3,845	1,624	7,002
1906-1907	1,598	3,287	1,610	6,495
1907-1908	1,968	3,162	1,534	6,644

The total number of original suits disposed of was 6644 against 6495 of the previous year, showing an ncrease of 149 suits.

Rank of Courts according to disposal.

12. According to disposals, the Subordinate Courts rank thus :—

(1.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	1411
(2.)	Assistant Civil Judge	1089
(3.)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	1004
(4.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	873
(5.)	Rent Suit Officers	834
(7.)	Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	512
(6.)	Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	481
(8.)	Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	419

Contest.

13. The following table compares the number of contested original suits for the last four years :—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1904-1905	356	467	192	1,015
1905-1906	379	454	280	1,113
1906-1907	451	399	254	1,104
1907-1908	532	358	265	1,155

The total number of contested suits decided was 1155, being more than one-fifth of the entire number of disposals.

With regard to the disposal of contested suits the subordinate courts rank thus :—

(1.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	266
(2.)	Assistant Civil Judge	220
(3.)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	161
(4.)	Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	138
(5.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	130
(6.)	Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	93
(7.)	Rent Suit Officers	88
(8.)	Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata...	50

Average duration of suits.

14. The table given below shows the average duration of suits in the subordinate courts :—

Names of Courts.	Civil Suits.		Rent Suits.		Small Cause Court Suits.	
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
	m. d.	m. d.	m. d.	m. d.	m. d.	m. d.
Assistant Civil Judge	5 28	1 2	.....	1 14	1 5	0 12
Sudder Rent Suit Courts	.....	.....	6 22	2 5	.....	.....
Toofangunj Court	3 2	1 8	2 21	1 3	0 29	0 24
Dinhata Court	4 18	1 1	2 12	1 9	1 2	0 22
Mathabhanga Court	5 24	1 12	3 10	1 15	1 17	0 27
Mekligunj Court	2 15	0 21	1 21	0 19	0 21	0 16

The duration was longest in the Court of the Assistant Civil Judge and shortest in that of Mekligunj.

15. Out of the total number of original suits disposed of 1860 or less than one-third were for claims not exceeding Rs. 20; 2355 or more than one-half were for claims exceeding Rs. 20 but not exceeding Rs. 50; 1419 or more than one-fourth were for claims exceeding Rs. 50 but not exceeding Rs. 100; 956 or more than one-sixth were for claims exceeding Rs. 100 but not exceeding Rs. 500; 33 were for claims exceeding Rs. 500 but not exceeding Rs. 1,000 and 19 were for claims exceeding Rs. 1,000 but not exceeding Rs. 5,000; there were only two suits exceeding Rs. 10,000.

Value of suits.

16. The number of old suits pending at the end of the year was 37 (26 pending over 6 months and 11 pending over one year) against 27 of the previous year.

Pending suits

17. Babu Raj Krishna Das, Assistant Civil, Judge and Babus Gopal Chandra Chatterji, Ashutosh Ghose and Hari Nath Bose, Naib Ahilkars, tried Small Cause Court Suits up to Rs. 50 and all the other Naib Ahilkars up to Rs. 20 by summary procedure.

Summary Procedure

18. The statement given below shows the disposal of execution cases during the last four years :—

Disposal of Execution cases

YEARS	Civil suits	Rent suits	Small Cause Court suits	Total.
1904-1905	1,441	1,413	596	3,450
1905-1906	1,415	1,671	690	3,776
1906-1907	1,371	1,460	651	3,482
1907-1908 ...	1,456	1,323	667	3,446

The total number of execution cases disposed of was 3446 against 3482 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 36 cases. There were 525 cases pending at the end of the year against 428 pending at the end of the year previous.

19. The table given below shows the disposal of miscellaneous cases :—

Disposal of miscellaneous cases

	Judicial.	Non Judicial.
Civil	264	22
Rent	115	.....
Small Cause Court suits up to Rs 50 and Rs 20 ...	41	.....
Total ...	420	22

20. The number of cases made over to the Civil Court Amin for local enquiry by the different Civil Courts of the State was 128 against 114 made over during the previous year. 8 cases remained pending enquiry at the close of the year.

Local enquiry

21. The statement given below shows the work of the Civil Judge's Court on the original Civil side for the last three years :—

Work of Civil Judge's Court

YEARS.	Original Suits.				Execution				Miscellaneous.			
	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer	Disposed of	Pending.
1905-1906	16	18	19	15	8	18	17	9	15	112	104	23
1906-1907	15	24	20	19	9	28	24	8	23	122	122	28
1907-1908	19	15	21	13	8	28	29	7	28	161	124	60

Thirteen original, 7 execution and 60 miscellaneous cases were pending at the close of the year.

Appeals.

22. The following table shows the total number of regular and miscellaneous appeals preferred to this court during the last three years :—

1905-1906	150
1906-1907	157
1907-1908	142

The number of appeals filed during the year was 142 against 157 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 15 appeals.

(*a*) The result of appeals for the last three years is given in the table below :—

YEARS.	Number of appeals for disposal	Confirmed.	Reversed	Modified.	Disposed of otherwise.	Pending
1905-1906	190	89	32	18	15	41
1906-1907	198	92	30	9	8	59
1907-1908	201	102	23	8	2	66

There were 201 appeals for disposal including those which remained pending at the end of the year previous. Of these, 135 were disposed of and 66 remained pending.

(*b*) The following table shows the result of appeals against the decrees of each of the Subordinate Judicial officers :—

Names of Judicial officers.	Details of disposals.						Total disposed of.	Remarks.
	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Dismissed on default.	Compromised.		
Babu Raj Krishna Das, L C E. ...	24	5	1	.....	.....	.....	30	
" Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L.	16	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	
" Ashutosh Ghosh, B L. ...	15	3	1	.....	.....	.....	19	
" Hari Nath Basu, B.L. ...	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	
" Bama Charan Neogi, B L. ...	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	6	
" Narasinha Ch. Ghosh, M.A , B.L.	15	6	2	.....	.....	1	24	
" Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	
" Uma Nath Datta, B.L. ..	12	3	4	.....	.....	.....	19	
Total ...	102	23	8	1	.....	1	135	

RECEIPTS.

23. The receipts and disbursements are shown below under several heads :—

I. *Stamp Duty.*—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years.

	Rs.
1904-1905 ...	70,376
1905-1906 ...	69,160
1906-1907 ...	70,133
1907-1908 ...	72,168

The increase of Rs. 2,035 was due to the increase in institutions.

II.—*Ameen's fees.*—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years :—

	Rs.
1904-1905 ...	783
1905-1906 ...	885
1906-1907 ...	804
1907-1908 ...	1,035

The increase was due to the larger number of cases made over for inquiry during the year under report.

III.—*Process fees.*—The amount of process fees &c., realised during the year was Rs. 20,988 against Rs. 19,930 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 1,058. The increase was due to increase in institutions.

IV.—*Fines and forfeitures.*—These amounted to Rs. 55 against Rs. 233 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 178.

V.—*Other receipts including copying-fees.*—These amounted to Rs. 3,582 against Rs. 3,521 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 61.

The total receipts under the above heads were Rs. 97,827 against Rs. 94,621 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 3,206.

DISBURSEMENTS.

I.—*Salary.*—The salary of Judicial Officers amounted to Rs. 18,155 against Rs. 18,205 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 50 only.

II.—*Establishment charges*—Amounted to Rs. 15,790 against Rs. 16,214 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 424. The decrease was due to the fact that the amount of bonus and grain compensation allowance granted in 1906-1907 was larger than that granted in the year under report.

III.—*Process service.*—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 8,349 against Rs. 9,286 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 937. The decrease was due to the fact that the amount of bonus and grain compensation allowance granted in 1906-1907 was larger than that granted in the year under report.

IV.—*Contingencies.*—Amounted to Rs. 4,376 against Rs. 4,466 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 90 only.

V.—*Ameen's Establishment.*—The cost of the establishment of the Civil Court Ameen was Rs. 876 against Rs. 864 of the previous year. The increase was mainly due to the privilege leave on half pay granted to the Civil Court Amin during 1906-07

VI.—*Unforeseen.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 163 against Rs. 449-6-5 of the previous year.

The total amount of expenditure was Rs. 47,711 against Rs. 50,566 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 2,855.

The net receipt of the Civil Department amounted to Rs. 50,116 against Rs. 44,055 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 6,061.

Copying Department.

24. The total amount of fees realised during the year was Rs. 2,928-12 against Rs. 2,810-8, showing an increase of Rs. 118-4. Out of the total receipts, Rs. 1,326-10 was credited to the State and the balance Rs. 1,602-2, distributed among the copyists.

The following table shows the number of copyists employed in each Court with their average monthly income :—

Names of Courts.	No of Copyists.	No. of Comparing Clerks	Average monthly income of each Copyist.			Remarks.
			Rs.	A.	P.	
Sudder	3	1	20	9	4	
Toofangunj	1	(a)	9	10	2	(a) The work is carried on by the regular staff.
Dinhata	2	1	10	5	6	
Mathabhanga	2	1	14	15	2	
Mekligunj	2	(a)	5	12	4	

Records.

25. During the year under report, records of 7927 cases were received in the Sudder Record-room as shown below :—

Courts.	Civil.	Rent.	Total.
Civil Judge's Court	135	20	155
Assistant Civil Judge's Court ...	587	96	683
Sudder Rent Suit Courts	.....	1,513	1,513
Toofangunj Court	.....	.. ..	.....
Dinhata Courts	530	1,421	1,951
Mathabhanga ,, ...	770	1,419	2,189
Mekligunj Court	563	873	1,436
Total ...	2,585	5,342	7,927

The following records were destroyed during the year under report.—

Sudder ...

Civil Judge's Court.

B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Appeals, Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1897.

Assistant Civil Judge's Court.

B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Execution and Miscellaneous cases from January to December 1897.

Sudder Naib Ahilkar's Court.

B Files of Rent Original suits, Execution and Miscellaneous cases from January to December 1897.

Toofangunj ... B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Execution and Miscellaneous cases from January to December 1897.

Dinhata ...	*Naib Ahilkar's Court.* B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits; Execution and Miscellaneous cases from January to December 1897. *Sub-Naib Ahilkar's Court.* B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Execution and Miscellaneous cases from January to December 1897.
Mathabhanga...	*Naib Ahilkar's Court.* B Files of Civil Execution and Miscellaneous cases and Rent Miscellaneous cases from January to December 1897. *Sub-Naib Ahilkar's Court.* B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Execution and Miscellaneous cases from January to December 1897.
Mekligunj ...	B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Execution and Miscellaneous cases from January to December 1897.

Inspection

26. During the year under report, I inspected the Sub-divisional Offices of Tufangunj, Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj and duly submitted my reports to Your Highness.

Conduct

27. Babu Raj Krishna Das, L.C.E., Assistant Civil Judge discharged his duties efficiently.

All the Naib Ahilkars and Sub-Naib Ahilkars worked hard and well.

My Sheristadar, Babu Siddessur Mullick, Head-clerk, Babu Kokileswar Bhattacharjee, M.A., and Nazir Babu Mohim Chandra Mukerjee, discharged their duties satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,

Your Highness' most obedient servant,

PRIYANATH DATTA,

Civil and Sessions Judge, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. I.

(A.)

List of Judicial and Revenue Divisions of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

Name of Division.	Names of Police Stations in each.	Area in square miles.	Population.
Sudder Sub-Division	Kotwali Station	284	1,21,609
Toofangunj "	Fulbari Station	223	73,438
Dinhata "	Dinhata Station	269	1,43,900
Mathabhanga "	Mathabhanga Station Sitalkhuchi I. O. P. ...	334	1,40,183
Mekligunj "	Mekligunj Station	197	87,843
	Total ...	1,307	5,66,973

(B.)

Return showing the number of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

CIVIL.		RENT.		TOTAL.
Appellate.	Original.	Appellate.	Original.	
1	13	1	11	26

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

(C.)

Return showing receipts and charges of Civil and Rent Courts in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

Courts.	Receipts						Charges						
	Stamps. (1)	Process fees (2)	Fines and forfeitures.	Amen's fees	Other receipts. (3)	TOTAL	Salary of Judicial officers.	Establishment.	Process serving	Contingencies. (4)	Amen's Establishment.	Unforeseen.	TOTAL.
	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs. A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs A P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A P	Rs A P
Civil Judge's Court ...	8,992 12 3	1.050 8 0	10 0 0	90 0 0	1,382 0 0	11,525 4 3	9,600 0 0	5,704 6 8	5.185 3 9	2,954 8 5	876 0 0	163 5 0	24,483 7 10
Sudder Subordinate Courts	15,989 11 0	4,969 8 0	0 4 0	222 0 0	73 15 7	21,255 6 7	4,200 0 0	2,804 14 1	.....	226 6 6	.....	.....	7,231 4 7
Toofangunj ...	4,896 3 3	1,617 4 0	.....	198 0 0	277 8 5	6,987 15 8	700 0 0	1,403 13 10	659 7 9	265 6 8	.....	.....	3,028 12 3
Dinhata	12,992 8 0	4,817 4 0	12 12 0	234 0 0	533 10 1	18,590 2 1	1,407 12 10	2 022 9 7	896 10 6	314 12 0	.....	.....	4,641 12 11
Mathabhanga ..	20,748 4	5,973 4 0	26 8 0	156 0 0	992 11 5	27,896 11 5	1,315 2 2	2,319 7 1	889 0 0	374 0 0	.....	.....	4,897 9 3
Mekligunj ...	8,549 4 9	2,560 4 0	5 3 0	135 0 0	321 12 1	11,571 7 10	932 8 0	1,535 1 3	719 1 0	241 5 0	.....	.....	3,427 15 3
Total ...	72,167 11 3	20,988 0 0	54 11 0	1,035 0 0	3,581 9 7	97,826 15 10	18 155 7 0	15,790 4 6	8,349 7 0	4,376 6 7	876 0 0	163 5 0	47,710 14 1

(1.) This includes searching fees and fees for information
(2) This includes sale fees
(3) This includes witnesses' diet money, copying-fees, pay of officers cited as witnesses &c
(4) This includes remuneration to Copyists travelling and Ticca Mohareers pay etc

	Rs A P
Receipts	97,826 15 10
Charges	47,710 14 1
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PRIYANATH DATTA,

Civil Judg

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 2.

Statement showing the number and description of suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State during the year 1907-1908.

COURTS.	Suits of Small Cause Court class.																		Other Civil Suits.										Rent Suits.									Total.
	On written obligation.		On unwritten.		On account stated.		Money had and received and contribution.		Goods sold.		Breach of contract not mentioned above.		Rent not falling under the Rent law.		Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.		Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for enforcement or dissolution of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to religion, caste and religious endowments.	For delivery of pattahs and kobuliyats.	For damages for illegal exaction of rent and withholding of receipts.	For enhancement and abatement of rents.	For arrears of rent.	To eject a ryot or to cancel a lease.	For recovery of possession.	In exercise of power of distraint.	Against agent for money and papers.	
	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.																				
Civil Judge ..	..	10	...	...	...	2	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	....	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	15
Assistant Civil Judge ...	313	..	11	..	26	..	10	..	2	...	..	..	..	..	9	.	20	.	74	4	..	2	2	2	6	3	..	2	2	...	851	..	..	...	..	1,340
Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar ...	..	.	...	...	..	...	..	...	.	...		..	..	..	..	...	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	...	...	..	...	1	...	..	..	...	1
Sudder Rent Suit S.-Naib Ahilkar	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	....	..	..	...	..	..	...	1	..	...	..	...	1
Additional ditto ..	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	.	..	.	...	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	...	....	..	..	...	..	..	..	1	.	..	...	..	1
Naib Ahilkar, Toofanganj ...	93	..	11	...	6	...	4	...	6	...	1	..	4	..	92	...	7	..	60	.	..	7	...	....	...	...	...	2	3	...	139	...	..	..	...	435
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	210	..	26	..	18	..	68	...	18	..	11	..	5	.	1	..	..	..	69	.	..	..	..	....	3	...	...	...	1	..	798	..	...	...	..	1,228
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, ditto ...	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	...	...	..	..	3
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ..	357	...	18	...	14	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	2	.	89	..	15	..	84	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	...	1	..	840	...	..	..	..	1,446
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, ditto ..	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	1	..	...	.	..	..	..	...	..	....	..	..	..	..	...	...	9	...	..	...	..	10
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliganj ...	73	..	6	...	7	..	3	..	1	..	5	..	9	.	11	...	2	..	30	.	44		..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	546	...	..	..	..	747
Total ...	1,051	10	72	..	71	2	199	..	27	..	17	..	20	..	203	..	44	...	318	4	46	9	3	9	9	3	.	4	7	...	3,189	..	..	..	..	5,337
Small Cause Court Class Suits up to Rs. 20 & 50.																																						
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	403	..	39	...	49	...	3	..	89	..	2	..	...	..	19	...	14	...	..	..	...	..	..	....	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	618
Naib Ahilkar, Toofanganj ..	31	...	7	..	6	..	..	..	5	..	...	.	..	..	40	..	3	.	.	.	...		..	....	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92
Ditto, Dinhata ...	109	...	6	...	8	...	61	..	27	...	20	...	..	.	1	..	9	.	..	..	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	241
Ditto, Mathabhanga ..	326	...	37	...	10	...	...	..	...	.	..	..	..	.	44	..	14	..	..	..	...	.	..	....	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	481
Ditto, Mekliganj ..	68	..	14	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	3	...	10	.	4		3	..																		109
Total ..	937	..	103	..	76	.	64		125	..	25	..	10	..	108	..	43	.	..	.	..		.	....	..	..	.	..	...	..	..	...	..	..	...	.	1,541
Grand Total ...	1,988	10	225	..	147	2	173	..	152	..	42		30	..	311	..	87	.	318	4	46	9	3	9	9	3	..	4	7	..	3,189	..	...	..	..	6,768

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 3.

Statement showing the result of the trial of original suits in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

COURTS.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaints rejected or returned after registration thereof.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Contested. Dismissed ex parte.	Contested. Referred to arbitration.	Contested. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Contested. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Average duration of suits. Contested. y. m. d	Average duration of suits. Uncontested. m. d
CIVIL COURTS.																					
Civil Judge	19	15	...	34	..	..	...	...	3	..	6	3	...	9	...	21	13	2	9	1 6 4	3 10
Assistant Civil Judge	88	485	..	573	..	1	42	9	56	65	163	2	...	85	40	463	110	16	2	5 28	1 12
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	28	291	..	319	...	...	71	3	12	26	79	...	..	65	34	281	38	...	...	3 2	1 8
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	32	429	110	571	220	.	33	1	30	35	116	5	.	52	17	289	62	...	...	4 18	1 1
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, ditto	13	..	220	233	91	...	29	.	9	30	21	..	..	9	6	103	59	6	...		
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	68	605	85	758	219	1	64	1	33	62	172	..	.	77	32	442	97	1	...	5 24	1 12
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, ditto	49	1	165	215	53	...	26	2	10	19	47	...	...	36	14	154	8	...	...		
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	16	201	..	217	...	1	23	3	19	37	56	..		43	13	195	22	..	...	2 15	0 21
TOTAL ...	313	2,027	580	2,920	583	3	288	19	172	274	650	10	...	376	156	1,948	389	25	11	.....	....
RENT COURTS.																					
Civil Judge	...	.	...	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.	.....	...	...	...	.....	...
Assistant Civil Judge	38	855	23	878	863	.	1	..	..	8	6	.		..	.	15	...	...	...	.2 .	1 14
Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar	...	1	77	116	..	.	19	...	2	32	24	..	.	13	...	95	21	...	...	3 11	0 28
Ditto, Sub-Naib-Ahilkar	64	1	107	108	23	..	30	..	1	23	24	...		4	...	85	...	..	..	1 22	0 21
Do. Additional Sub-Naib Ahilkar ...	10	1	679	744	...	..	119	...	..	249	215	...	.	69	2	654	90	...	..	1 19	0 16
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	3	144	..	154		..	32	1	8	34	35		...	22	7	139	15	...	...	2 21	1 3
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	98	799	355	1,157	629	...	156	.	1	130	145	..	...	41	3	476	52	...	...	2 12	1 9
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, ditto	31	3	629	730	355	..	120	.	2	65	92	2	..	30	5	316	59	1	...		
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	31	841	116	988	380	..	31	...	63	187	140	..	..	54	13	488	120	.	...	3 10	1 15
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, ditto	66	9	380	455	116	...	35	1	30	149	69	...	...	33	10	327	12	...	...		
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	30	546	...	576	...	.	19	...	239	68	189	..	..	52	..	567	9	..	...	1 21	0 19
TOTAL ...	340	3,200	2,366	5,906	2,366	..	502	2	346	948	944	2	...	314	40	3,162	378	1	...	.....	...
SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO Rs. 50 AND Rs. 20																					
Assistant Civil Judge. ...	24	618	...	642	...	...	167	2	7	91	245	4	...	71	24	611	31	...	...	1 5	0 12
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	2	92	...	94	...	...	54	...	1	6	21	...	...	7	3	92	2	...	...	0 29	0 24
Ditto, Dinhata	22	241	...	263	19	...	43	..	17	34	93	1	...	35	12	239	5	...	...	1 2	0 22
Ditto, Mathabhanga	38	481	54	573	32	1	115	..	29	121	123	2	...	67	23	481	60	...	..	1 17	0 27
Ditto, Mekligunj	4	109	...	113	...	...	19	...	14	12	44	..	...	9	13	111	2	...	...	0 21	0 16
TOTAL ...	90	1,541	54	1,685	51	1	401	2	68	264	526	7	...	190	75	1,534	100	...	...	.....	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	743	6,768	3,000	10,511	3,000	4	1,251	23	586	1,486	2,132	19	.	884	271	6,644	867	26	11	.....	...

CIVIL STATEMENT No 4.

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

Value of suits.	Civil suits							Rent suits										Small Cause Court suits up to Rs 20 and Rs. 50.						Grand Total.
	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge	Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar.	Sudder Rent Suit Sub-N Ahilkar.	Sudder Rent Suit Sub-N Ahilkar	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga	Mekligunj.	Total.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.	
Not exceeding Rs. 5	...	...	.....	1	.....	.....	2	3	...	...	.....	5	28	2	71	15	42	163	12	4	6	9	3	34	200
Ditto „ 20	...	...	25	19	11	29	3	87	...	7	15	28	208	52	286	168	180	944	231	88	112	168	30	629	1,660
Ditto „ 50	...	...	36	132	119	106	15	408	...	2	3	38	276	49	270	265	173	1.076	368	...	121	304	78	871	2,355
Ditto „ 100	...	...	227	76	140	250	72	765	...	6	8	14	142	21	122	221	120	654	...	..	...	...	...	.....	1,419
Ditto „ 500	...	...	158	52	122	207	101	640	...	...	66	...	...	15	43	140	52	316	...	...	...	...	...	.....	956
Ditto „ 1,000	...	...	17	1	.....	4	2	24	...	...	2	...	...	...	.....	6	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	.....	33
Ditto „ 5,000	...	19	.....	...	.....	.....	...	19	...	...	.....	...	.	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	19
Ditto „ 10,000	...	2	.....	...	.....	.....	...	2	..	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2
Total	...	21	463	281	392	596	195	1,948	...	15	95	85	654	139	792	815	567	3,162	611	92	239	481	111	1,534	6,644

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

COURTS.	Applications to execute decrees				Applications disposed of.				Pending.				Nature and number of cases in which coercive processes issued.							Application for insolvency.	
													Against the person.		Moveable property.		Immoveable property.				
	Pending from the last year.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Decree wholly or partially satisfied.	Struck off.	Total.	Transferred.	More than six months.	More than twelve months.	Total pending.	Possession.	Arrest	Imprisonment	Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	Orders under Sections 806 & 808, Code of Civil Procedure.	Allowed.	Disallowed.
Civil Courts.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	7	28	.....	35	19	9	28	...	3	1	7	6	1	.....	1	.....	7	5	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	55	372	.....	427	147	224	371	...	2	1	56	27	97	3	54	93	156	23	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	17	214	.....	231	60	153	213	...	1	.....	18	12	24	2	146	11	19	14	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	41	249	.....	290	101	130	231	...	4	.....	59	6	20	4	70	19	60	37	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, ditto	8	94	.....	102	25	64	89	...	.....	.....	13	1	7	.....	45	1	30	5	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	29	260	.....	289	107	122	229	...	1	.....	60	19	15	3	144	18	92	32	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, ditto...	22	132	.....	154	47	87	134	...	.....	.....	20	6	10	2	59	6	20	5	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	28	150	.....	178	53	108	161	...	.....	.....	17	37	1	.....	7	4	48	23	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	207	1,499	...	1,706	559	897	1,456	..	11	2	250	114	175	14	526	152	432	144	.....	.....	.....
Rent Courts.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	4	46	29	79	12	56	68	7	.....	.....	4	6	23	.....	30	5	13	11	.....	.....	.....
Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar ...	21	135	.....	156	19	106	125	..	.....	.....	31	17	31	.....	52	1	6	6	.....	.....	.....
Ditto Sub-Naib Ahilkar ...	11	55	7	73	13	28	40	29	.....	.....	4	4	10	1	20	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Additional ditto ...	13	132	.....	145	28	99	127	..	.....	.....	18	46	26	3	74	3	17	10	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	10	72	.....	82	13	68	81	..	.....	.....	1	15	4	1	49	5	5	4	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	15	150	.....	165	31	114	145	..	2	.....	20	32	13	1	71	6	26	8	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, ditto	30	201	.....	231	38	167	205	.	2	.....	26	43	22	.....	106	5	23	6	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	18	197	.....	215	67	94	161	..	1	.....	54	56	11	.....	111	5	65	14	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, ditto	35	248	.....	283	85	163	248	...	.....	.....	35	38	18	.....	114	4	44	4	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliganj...	12	126	.....	138	43	79	122	..	.....	.....	16	48	.....	.....	9	8	16	11	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	170	1,362	36	1,568	349	974	1,324	36	5	.....	209	305	159	6	637	43	218	77	.....	.....	.....
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 20 & 50.																					
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	23	320	.....	343	71	241	312	..	.....	.....	31	.....	13	9	41	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	3	28	.....	31	6	24	30	...	.....	.....	1	.....	5	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Dinhata	7	134	.....	141	12	120	132		.....	.....	9	.....	16	.....	80	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mathabhanga	15	166	.....	181	28	130	158	...	.....	.....	23	.....	34	2	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mekliganj	3	34	.....	37	19	16	35	...	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	51	682	.....	733	136	531	667	...	.....	.....	66	.....	69	11	234	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total ...	428	3,543	36	4,007	1,044	2,402	3,446	36	16	2	525	419	403	31	1,397	227	650	221	.....	.....	.....

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge

Statement showing the institution and disposal of Miscellaneous cases of a Judicial nature in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

COURTS.	Pending from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or otherwise.	TOTAL.	DISPOSED OF				PENDING.			AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.				REMARKS.
					Contested.	Uncontested.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	More than six months.	More than 12 months.	Total pending.	Contested.		Uncontested.		
												M.	D.	M.	D.	
Civil Courts.																
ril Judge, Cooch Behar ...	23	161	.....	184	23	101	124	.....	18	2	60	5	19	3	13	
sistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	10	43	.....	53	28	17	45	.....	.....	.....	8	3	21	1	28	
ib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	4	10	.....	14	8	4	12	.....	.....	.....	2	2	27	1	8	
ib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	10	18	.....	28	14	7	21	.....	.....	.....	7	3	22	1	10	
b-Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2					
ib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	4	52	4	60	18	24	42	.....	1	.....	18	3	0	1	27	
b-Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	4	8	.....	12	5	3	8	4	.....	.....	.....					
ib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	.....	12	.....	12	4	8	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	29	0	19	
Total ...	55	306	4	365	100	164	264	4	19	2	97	.....		.....		
Rent Courts.																
ril Judge, Cooch Behar ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....		
sistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	.....	2	1	3	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	1	22	
dder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar ...	1	6	.....	7	4	3	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	14	3	4	
Ditto. Sub-Naib Ahilkar ...	2	3	.....	5	2	1	3	1	.....	.....	1	3	7	2	13	
Ditto. Additional ditto. ...	2	16	.....	18	12	4	16	.....	.....	.....	2	1	17	1	3	
ib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	5	7	.....	12	10	2	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	16	2	2	
ib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	1	10	.....	11	6	3	9	.....	.....	.....	2	4	6	3	10	
b-Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	4	8	.....	12	3	6	9	.....	1	.....	3					
ib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	2	17	7	26	12	10	22	.....	.....	.....	4	3	13	2	1	
b-Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	5	19	.....	24	6	7	13	7	.....	.....	4					
ib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	2	19	.....	21	17	4	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	0	19	
Total ...	24	107	8	139	73	42	115	8	1	.....	16	.....		.....		
Small Cause Courts upto Rs. 20 and Rs. 50.																
sistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	1	13	.....	14	6	6	12	.....	.....	.....	2	1	0	0	17	
ib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	1	2	.....	3	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		0	28	
Ditto. Dinhata ...	2	5	.....	7	2	5	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	0	0	27	
Ditto. Mathabhanga ...	3	16	.....	19	6	10	16	.....	.....	.....	3	1	25	0	23	
Ditto. Mekligunj ...	.....	3	.....	3	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	25	0	22	
TOTAL ...	7	39	.....	46	15	26	41	.....	.....	.....	5	.....		.....		
GRAND TOTAL ...	86	452	12	550	188	232	420	12	20	2	118	.....		.....		

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 7.

Statement showing the work of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

APPELLATE COURTS.	Pending from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	DISPOSED OF.								Pending	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Objections under Section 561, of Act XIV of 1882.	Objections allowed.	REMARKS
					Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	Compromised.	Modified.	Reversed	Confirmed	Remanded.	Total disposed of						
Civil Side	39	105	.....	144	...	.....	1	5	14	74	.....	94	50	16	1	5	.....	
Ditto Miscellaneous Side ...	4	8	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	5	.....	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	43	113	.....	156	.....	.....	1	6	14	79	.....	100	56	16	1	5	.....	
Rent Side	16	23	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	2	9	19	1	31	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ditto Miscellaneous ...	.....	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	16	29	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	2	9	23	1	35	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Grand Total ...	59	142	.....	201	.....	.....	1	8	23	102	1	135	66	16	1	5	.....	

PRIYANATH DATTA,

Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 8.

Statement showing the nature of miscellaneous suits instituted and disposed of in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

Nature of case.	Civil Courts. Civil Judge. Instituted.	Civil Courts. Civil Judge. Disposed of.	Civil Courts. Assistant Civil Judge. Instituted.	Civil Courts. Assistant Civil Judge. Disposed of.	Civil Courts. Toofangunj. Instituted.	Civil Courts. Toofangunj. Disposed of.	Civil Courts. Dinhata. Instituted.	Civil Courts. Dinhata. Disposed of.	Civil Courts. Mathabhanga. Instituted.	Civil Courts. Mathabhanga. Disposed of.	Civil Courts. Mekliganj. Instituted.	Civil Courts. Mekliganj. Disposed of.	Civil Courts. Total. Instituted.	Civil Courts. Total. Disposed of.	Rent Courts. Civil Judge. Instituted.	Rent Courts. Civil Judge. Disposed of.	Rent Courts. Assistant Civil Judge. Instituted.	Rent Courts. Assistant Civil Judge. Disposed of.	Rent Courts. Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar. Instituted.	Rent Courts. Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar. Disposed of.	Rent Courts. Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar. Instituted.	Rent Courts. Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar. Disposed of.	Rent Courts. Toofangunj. Instituted.	Rent Courts. Toofangunj. Disposed of.	Rent Courts. Dinhata. Instituted.	Rent Courts. Dinhata. Disposed of.	Rent Courts. Mathabhanga. Instituted.	Rent Courts. Mathabhanga. Disposed of.	Rent Courts. Mekliganj. Instituted.	Rent Courts. Mekliganj. Disposed of.	Rent Courts. Total. Instituted.	Rent Courts. Total. Disposed of.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Sudder. Instituted.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Sudder. Disposed of.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Toofangunj. Instituted.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Toofangunj. Disposed of.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Dinhata. Instituted.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Dinhata. Disposed of.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Mathabhanga. Instituted.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Mathabhanga. Disposed of.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Mekliganj. Instituted.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Mekliganj. Disposed of.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Total. Instituted.	Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 50 and 20. Total. Disposed of.	Remarks.
1. Applications to receive and review suits.	3	..	13	18	8	8	4	6	34	27	4	4	71	63	..	..	2	3	6	7	18	18	6	11	12	12	25	24	13	15	82	90	9	9	2	3	5	7	14	14	2	2	32	35	
2. Claims and objections ..	...	..	19	20	2	4	12	10	10	13	4	4	47	51	..	...	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	5	4	4	5	4	4	15	15	4	3	...	...	..	..	2	2	1	1	7	6	
3. Resistance of Judicial process.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	
4. Pauper applications ...	4	2	3	3	..	...	1	..	...	..	...	..	8	5	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	
5. Suits under Act VI of 1897	63	48	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	63	48	.	...	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	
6. Suits under Act V of 1898	71	65	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	71	65	...	.	..	..	..	..		...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	
7. Probate cases.. ...	20	9	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	20	9	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	
8. Other miscellaneous suits..	..	...	3	4	..	..	3	5	16	10	4	4	26	23		..	.	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	1	2	7	6	2	2	10	10	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	
9. Miscellaneous proceedings of a non-judicial nature.	11	11	..	..	1	1	4	5	3	3	1	2	20	22	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	
Total ...	172	135	43	45	11	13	24	26	63	53	13	14	326	286	..	..	2	3	6	7	19	19	7	12	18	18	36	35	19	21	107	115	13	12	2	3	5	7	16	16	3	3	39	41	

Judicial.

Total Instituted	452
Total Disposed of	420
Total Pending	118

Non-Judicial.

Total Instituted	20
Total Disposed of	22
Total Pending	...

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 10.

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges in respect of the Ameen employed in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

NAME OF COURT.	Ameen's Fees.			Time employed.	Number of Ameens.	Charges.			Number of Ameen's peons.	Ameen's Peon's fees.			Ameen's Peon's charges.			Remarks.
	Rs	A.	P			Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Civil Judge	90	0	0	30 days												
Assistant Civil Judge	180	0	0	60 ,,												
Sudder Rent Suit Officers	42	0	0	14 ,,												
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj (Civil) ... / Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	198	0	0	66 ,,												
Ditto, Dinhata (Civil) ... / Ditto, Do. (Rent) ...	234	0	0	78 ,,	1	*732	...	...	2	.....	...	...	144	0	0	* This includes Rs. 12 for contingencies.
Ditto, Mathabhanga (Civil) ... / Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	156	0	0	52 ,,												
Ditto, Mekligunj (Civil) ... / Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	135	0	0	45 ,,												
Total ...	1,035	0	0	345 days	1	732	...	...	2	.....	...	...	144	0	0	

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Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No 11.

Statement showing the receipts and charges in respect of the Process Service Establishment of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1907-1908.

NAME OF COURTS.	Number of processes issued	Process-service fees	Number of processes served.	Salary of Nazir and Process-servers	Daily average of distance travelled by each peon.	REMARKS.
		Rs. A. P		Rs. A. P.		
Civil Courts.						
Civil Judge's Court	1,117	1,046 8 0	1,081	5,185 3 9	6·05 miles	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court						
Toofangunj ditto	1,244	1,156 0 0	1,225	644 15 9	2·46 ,,	
Dinhata ditto	2,731	2,565 0 0	2,629	873 2 6	3·70 ,,	
Mathabhanga ditto	3,365	3,111 4 0	3,085	786 8 0	7·3 ,,	
Mekligunj ditto	1,214	1,259 12 0	1,172	663 9 1	5·14 ,,	
Rent Courts.						
Civil Judge's Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Sudder Rent Suit ditto	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Toofangunj ditto	339	288 4 0	323	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	1,848	1,571 8 0	1,789	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	2,257	1,845 4 0	2,348	.....	.....	
Mekligunj ditto	1,040	1,060 0 0	1,016	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts.						
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Toofangunj ditto	185	156 8 0	182	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	676	539 12 0	685	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	1,099	905 12 0	1,051	.....	.....	
Mekligunj ditto	224	181 0 0	212	.....	.....	
Total ..	17,339	15,686 8 0	16,798	8,153 7 1	.....	

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Civil Judge.

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FROM

BABU PRIYANATH DATTA, M.A., B.L.,
Registrar of Deeds, Cooch Behar.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 6th July 1908.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Registration Department of the State for the year 1907-08. The Annual Returns, I to X, are hereto appended.

2. I was in charge of the office of Registrar of Deeds throughout the year.

3. The following table shows the changes in the Sub-Registry Offices :—

Sub divisions.	Names of officers	Terms of employment.
Sudder	Rai Chaudhuri Mon Mohan Buxi, Sudder Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st April to the 1st June 1907, from the 14th June to the 10th July 1907, from the 17th July to the 14th September 1907, from 23rd to the 28th September 1907 and from the 2nd October to the 13th Decembr 1907.
"	Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Offg. Sudder Sub-Registrar.	From the 2nd to the 13th June 1907, from the 11th to the 16th July 1907, from the 15th to the 22nd September 1907, from the 29th September to the 1st October 1907 and from the 14th December 1907 to the 14th March 1908.
"	Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhury, B.L., Offg. Sudder Sub-Registrar.	From the 15th to the 31st March 1908.
Dinhata	Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st April to the 3rd November 1907.
"	Babu Bama Charan Neogi, B.L., Offg. Sub-Registrar.	From the 4th November 1907 to the 16th March 1908.
"	Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A.B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 17th to the 31st March 1908.
Mathabhanga ...	" Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Sub-Registrar	From the 1st April to the 21st July 1907 and from the 22nd October 1907 to the 31st March 1908.
"	" Bama Charan Neogi, B.L., Offg. Sub-Registrar.	From the 22nd July to the 21st October 1907.
Mekligunj ...	" Hari Nath Basu, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st April 1907 to the 31st March 1908.
Toofangunj ...	" Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Offg. Sub-Registrar.	Ditto.

4. Table No. 1, hereto appended compares the number of deeds, both compulsory and optional, registered during the past and previous years. The number of deeds, the registration of which was compulsory, was 6,646 against 6,544, showing an increase of 102 deeds, and that of which the registration was optional, was 3,929 against 4,504, showing a decrease of 575 deeds.

5. The variations as regards the different kinds of documents registered during the years 1906-07 and 1907-08 are shown in Table II, hereto appended.

There was an increase of 32, 144, 82 and 5 deeds under heads "Gifts," "Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property," "Obligations for payment of money" and "Wills", respectively, and a decrease of 115, 12, 63 and 546 deeds under heads "Leases," "Mortgages," "Sales" and "Miscellaneous" respectively.

6 The decrease under "Miscellaneous" was mainly due so the discontinuance of the registration of Adhiari Ekrarnamas creating Subtenures in contravention of the Sub-infeudation Act.

The increases and decreases under other heads were small and call for no explanation.

7. The number of deeds registered in the different offices, as shown in Table III, is given below :—

Offices	No of Deeds.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices	3,001
Dinhata office	2,428
Mathabhanga office	2,497
Mekliganj ditto	1,561
Toofanganj ditto	1,106
Total ...	10,575

8. The Registrar of Deeds registered 12 deeds in the year under report against 35 of the previous year, yielding fees [illegible] to Rs. 16 against Rs. 180-12.

9. There were 17 appeals, including 5 which remained pending at the close of the last year, against the orders of the Sub-Registrars. Of these, 7 were disposed of. In 4 cases registration was ordered and 3 cases were dismissed. 10 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

10. The total receipts under fees, fines and other heads during the year, amounted to Rs. 10,536-1 against Rs. 11,081-12, showing a decrease of Rs. 548-11.

11. The total disbursements of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 6,818-3-10 against Rs. 6,962-2-8, showing a decrease of Rs. 143-14-10.

12. The net gain to the State was Rs. 3,717-13-2 against Rs. 4,122-9-4 showing a decrease of Rs. 404-12-2.

13. All the Sub-divisional Sub-Registry offices were inspected by me during the year under report and the inspection reports duly submitted to Your Highness in Council.

14. All the Sub-Registrars were [illegible] as usual, by fees at 25 per cent. on total collections, and they discharged their duties satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,

Your Highness' most obedient servant,

PRIYANATH DATTA,

Registrar of Deeds, Cooch Behar.

I.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds, compulsory and optional.*

YEARS.	Compulsory.	Optional.	Total.	Amount of fees and fines realized on documents presented for registration.
				Rs. As. P.
1906-1907	6,544	4,504	11,048	10,308 12 0
1907-1908	6,646	3,929	10,575	9,825 8 0
Increase	102	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	.....	575	473	483 4 0

II.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds of the different classes registered in* 1906-1907 and 1907-1908.

YEARS	Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgements of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property	Obligations for payment of money	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1906-1907	1,483	185	3,109	91	1,485	541	22	1,132	11,048
1907-1908	1,368	173	3,046	123	1,629	623	27	586	10,575
Increase	...	...	...	32	144	82	5	...	...
Decrease ...	115	12	63	...	...	...	...	546	473

III.—*Table shewing the number of deeds registered in the different offices.*

OFFICES	Leases.	Mortgages	Sales	Gifts.	Acknowledgements of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices ...	1,392	20	809	27	380	168	9	196	3,001
Dinhata	1,018	22	740	24	360	146	7	111	2,428
Mathabhanga	915	31	769	29	379	215	2	139	2,479
Mekligunj	409	90	461	24	445	50	8	74	1,561
Toofangunj	634	10	267	19	65	44	1	66	1,106
TOTAL ...	4,368	173	3,046	123	1,629	623	27	586	10,575

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Registrar of Deeds.

IV.—*Table shewing the amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* **1907-1908.**

Names of Offices.	RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS.					Excess of Expenditures over Receipts.	Excess of Receipt over Expenditure.	Balance of the last two columns.
	Registration, copying and searching fees &c.	Fines &c.	Total	Permanent and temporary establishments.	Current and extraordinary contingencies	Commission to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees on documents refused registration.	Total.			
	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices	2,650 15 0	18 0 0	2,668 15 0	1,526 4 1	457 14 9	650 7 0	.....	2,634 9 10	.....	34 5 2	.....
Dinhata ...	2,410 8 0	36 12 0	2,447 4 0	496 0 0	26 3 3	615 1 3	.....	1,137 4 6	.....	1,309 15 6	.....
Mathabhanga ..	2,516 8 0	60 8 0	2,577 0 0	409 0 0	23 12 6	663 5 0	.....	1,096 1 6	.....	1,480 14 6	.....
Mekligunj ...	1,896 2 0	84 4 0	1,944 6 0	438 13 5	183 8 0	495 9 9	.....	1,117 15 2	.....	826 6 10	.....
Toofangunj ...	842 8 0	56 0 0	898 8 0	539 3 1	62 8 9	230 9 0	.....	832 4 10	.....	66 3 2	.....
Total ...	10,316 9 0	219 8 0	10,536 1 0	*3,409 4 7	753 15 3	2,655 0 0	.....	6,818 3 10	.....	3,717 13 2	.....

* Includes bonus and grain allowance Rs 272

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Registrar of Deeds.

V.—*Table shewing the nature of deeds registered and the amount of fees realised by the Registrar himself.*

Leases.		Mortgages.		Sales.		Gifts.		Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.		Obligations for payment of money.		Wills		Miscellaneous.		Total	
No	Fees	No	Fees	No	Fees	No.	Fees	No	Fees.	No.	Fees	No	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No	Fees
	Rs A		Rs A.		Rs A		Rs. A		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs A.		Rs A.		Rs A
10	4 12	...	...	1	1 0	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	10 4	12	16 0

VI.—*Table shewing progress in the work of copying.*

OFFICES.	Deeds copied.	Deeds to be copied.	REMARKS.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices...	2,994	.....	7 deeds were pending registration.
Dinhata	2,375	47	6 deeds were pending registration.
Mathabhanga	2,477	.....	2 deeds were pending registration
Mekligunj	1,561	.....	
Toofangunj	1,106	....	

VII.—*Abstract statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* 1907-1908.

OFFICES.	NUMBER OF DEEDS REGISTERED. Compulsory.	Optional.	Value of property affected.	Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Contingencies.
			Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Registrar's & Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	1,785	1,216	2,67,537	2,668 15 0	1,526 4 1	650 7 0	.....	457 14 9
Dinhata	1,585	843	2,27,531	2,447 4 0	496 0 0	615 1 3	.....	26 3 3
Mathabhanga	1,388	1,091	3,[illegible]8,194	2,577 0 0	409 0 0	663 5 0	.....	23 12 6
Mekligunj	1,133	428	3,25,869	1,944 6 0	438 13 5	495 9 9	.....	188 8 0
Toofangunj	755	351	76,350	898 8 0	539 3 1	230 9 0	.....	62 8 9
TOTAL ...	6,646	3,929	12,05,481	10,536 1 0	3,409 4 7	2,655 0 0	.....	753 15 3

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Registrar of Deeds.

VIII.—*Comparative statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursement for the years* 1906-1907 *and* 1907-1908.

Years.	Number of Deeds Registered. Compulsory.	Number of Deeds Registered. Optional.	Amount of fees and fines realized.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Contingencies.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Total Expenditures.	Balance received by the State.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1906-1907 ...	6,544	4,504	11,081 12 0	3,459 9 9	2,687 6 3	815 2 8	.....	6,962 2 8	4,122 9 4
1907-1908 .	6,646	3,929	10,536 1 0	3,409 4 7	2,655 0 0	753 15 3	.....	6,818 3 10	3,717 13 2
Increase ..	102	.....	.....	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Decrease ...	.....	575	518 11 0	59 5 2	32 6 3	61 3 5	.....	143 14 10	404 12 2

IX.—*Table shewing the institution and disposal of appeals preferred against the decisions of the Sub-Registrars.*

OFFICES.	No. of Appeals pending at the end of the last year.	No. of Appeals instituted.	No. of petitions instituted.	Total.	Decreed.	Dismissed.	Total disposed of.	Pending
Sudder	.....	...	7	7	...	1	1	6
Dinhata	1	...	3	4	1	...	1	3
Mathabharga ...	2	...	...	2	1	1	2	...
Mekliganj	.....	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
Toofanganj	2	...	1	3	2	1	3	...
Total ...	5	...	12	17	4	3	7	10

X.—*Table shewing the ratio of the different classes of documents.*

Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.
·414	·016	·288	·011	·154	·058	·002	·055

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FROM

BABU AMRITA LAL SEN,

Accountant-General of the Cooch Behar State.

To

THE VICE-PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 29th July 1908.

SIR

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Financial Report for the year 1907-08.

2 When the budget estimate for the year 1907-08 was framed with a revenue of Rs. 24,11,112 and an expenditure of Rs. 23,62,350, it was estimated that the surplus would be Rs. 49,092. But this surplus was reduced to Rs. 15,200, when the revised estimate was prepared with a revenue of Rs. 25,49,347 and an expenditure of Rs. 25,34,147. The revenue in the revised budget which includes Rs. 77,000 being the depreciated value of the rolling stock to be taken over by Government after the conversion of the Railway into metre gauge, was greater than the original estimate by Rs. 1,37,905, while the expenditure which also includes Rs. 77,000, being the amount placed at the disposal of the Manager, Eastern Bengal State Railway for meeting the cost of repairs to flood damages and other capital works, exceeded the original estimate by Rs. 1,71,797.

3. The surplus in the revised estimate shewed an improvement when the accounts for the year were closed. The statement No. 1, appended to this report, will shew that the actual revenue amounting to Rs. 25,81,522 was better than the original and the revised estimates by Rs. 1,70,080 and Rs. 32,175, respectively, while the expenditure which was greater than the original estimate by Rs. 1,31,033 but less than the revised estimate by Rs. 40,764 amounted to Rs. 24,93,383 and the actual surplus was Rs. 88,139 against Rs. 49,092 in the original estimate and Rs. 15,200 in the revised estimate.

4. I shall now proceed to compare the actual revenue and expenditure with the revised estimate.

REVENUE.

5. The sub-joined statement will shew the difference between the revised estimate and the actual revenue under the major heads of the budget.—

		Revised Estimate	Actual.	Difference
I.	Household ...	34,622	34,563	– 59
II.	General Revenue ...	15,61,674	15,89,367	27,693
III.	Law and Justice ...	11,900	11,635	– 265
IV.	Miscellaneous ...	48,845	48,853	8
V.	Debutter ...	1,10,000	1,12,303	2,303
VI.	HIS HIGHNESS' ESTATES—			
	Darjeeling Estate ...	67,968	67,968	.....
	Chaklajat Estate ...	4,28,603	4,34,797	6,194
	Panga Estate ...	30,735	23,815	– 6,920
VII.	C. B. S. Railway ...	1,78,000	1,81,221	3,221
Railway Capital	...	77,000	77,000	.....
	Total	25,49,347	25,81,522	32,175

It will be seen that the total revenue exceeded the rsvised estimate by Rs. 32,175. The decrease under I—Household is nominal and requires no explanation. The increase of Rs. 10,128 under "Land Revenue", Rs. 13,012 under "Stamps," Rs. 3,098 under "Excise" and Rs. 2,479 under "Sundries" (Lapsed Deposits) has largely contributed to the improvement exhibited in the receipts under II—General Revenue as compared with the revised estimate; the falling off in the number of documents presented for registration accounts for the short receipts under III—Law and Justice. The increase under IV—Miscellaneous is nominal and this unsatisfsctory result has been caused by heavy falling off in the receipts under Public Works and Criminal Justice as it would appear that against the estimate of Rs. 13,300 for the former and Rs. 6,667 for the latter, Rs. 8,014 and Rs. 6,303 only were realized shewing a total decrease of Rs. 5,650. This large deficit has been compensated by increase in the receipts of Rs. 4,421 under Jail, Rs. 539 under Education and Rs. 695 under Sundries. It may be noted here that the increase under Jail is chiefly due to large sale of Jail manufactures, while that under Education is owing to increase in the number of fee-paying students in the College. Better collection under V—Debuttar accounts for the increase of Rs. 2,303. His Highness' Estates and the Cooch Behar State Railway have been dealt with in paragraphs 9 to 12.

EXPENDITURE.

6. The expenditure amounting to Rs. 24,93,383 was less than the revised estimate by Rs. 40,764. Some of the items of expenditure which were sanctioned after the budget had been passed, are mentioned here.

His Highness the Maharajah Bhup Bahadur had Rs. 30,000 more than the amount allotted for his personal expenses; for the education of Maharajkumar Victor Nityendra Narayan in America and of Maharjkumar Hitendra Narayan at Cambridge, Rs. 31,433 more was paid, this amount includes the salary and other expenses of the tutors of both the Maharajkumars. It may be stated here that the above additional expenditure was met out of Rs. 70,000 provided for Cigarette factory which was eliminated from the budget. For Maharajkumar Raj Rajendra Narayan's tour expenses and for rent &c, of the Sligo Hall which was occupied by him, Rs. 13,300 was paid in excess of his grant of Rs. 36,000, while for Khedda operation, Rs. 4,284 was spent. The "Unforeseen Charges" and the "Leave and Furlough allowance" shew an excess expenditure of Rs. 8,277 and Rs. 6,442 respectively. The increase under the former head was due to payment of Rs. 6,000 for travelling and other expenses of Mr. N. C. Sen while on deputation in connection with marriage proposals of Maharajkumar and Maharajkumari and of Rs. 5,000 for donation to Ladies Technical School and Indian Stores, while the increase under the latter head was owing to the payment of leave Allowance of Dr. James and other officers of the State. For subscription to Civil Service Family Pension Fund, and for increase of pay of the Superintendent of the State Rs. 4,415 was paid. The Public Works grant was increased by Rs. 15,439 on account of some works sanctioned after the budget had been passed. For tobacco cultivation, Rs. 24,276 was spent or Rs. 14,276 more than the original provision and for bonus and [illegible] allowance, Rs. 10,117 was charged against the sanction of Rs. 13,000. The Darjeeling Estate spent Rs. 4,053 in excess of the original grant

7. The sub-joined statement shews the fluctuations between the original figures, the rivised and the actual figures. It is satisfactory to note that there have been savings in [illegible] under all the heads of the budget as com-

pared with the revised estimate with the exception of "Cooch Behar State Railway" which has been dealt with in paragraph 12.

	Original.	Revised.	Actual.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES—			
(a) His Highness's personal expenses ...	5,29,000	4,89,000	4,89,000
(b) Rajbari Garden	6,000	6,000	5,986
Total of His Highness' personal expenses ...	5,35,000	4,95,000	4,94,986
(c) Maintenance of Rajgans and education to Maharajkumars	1,39,339	1,88,357	1,84,409
(d) Philkhana and Stable	30,486	36,771	35,561
(e) Band	38,000	38,000	36,210
(f) Miscellaneous	2,12,689	2,10,966	2,04,823
II. ADMINISTRATION—			
1. Control	71,138	87,709	85,348
2. General	3,09,876	3,19,079	3,06,408
Public Works	1,53,705	1,72,090	1,69,144
State grant to Communication Improvement Fund	53,300	53,052	53,811
3. Revenue	1,92,327	2,06,058	2,00,727
4. Law and Justice	56,858	56,888	54,106
5. Miscellaneous	72,928	87,017	81,517
III. DEBUTTER	50,366	50,366	50,160
IV. HIS HIGHNESS' ESTATES—			
(a) Darjeeling Estates	34,230	38,283	38,283
(b) Chaklajat Estates	2,52,219	2,51,622	2,48,206
(c) Panga Estates	25,314	25,314	24,922
V. COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY	67,015	73,015	80,232
VI. RESERVE FUND	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total ...	23,44,820	24,39,617	23,98,853
Cooch Behar State Railway Capital Expenditure ...	17,530	94,530	94,530
Total ...	23,62,350	25,34,147	24,93,383

8. *Public Works Department.*—The following statement will shew the actual expenditure of the department for the year under report as also those shewn in the original and revised estimates. The expenditure as compared with the revised estimate is less by Rs. 3,874.

	Original Estimate.	Revised Estimate.	Actual.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Original Works	57,050	74,475	72,580
Repairs	30,662	29,869	29,356
Tools and Plant	2,300	2,300	2,398
Establishment	28,758	28,758	28,667
Maintaining State tieca carts ...	6,500	6,500	6,434
Reversed Stock-Tube wells ...	.....	800	.....
Woodlands	16,900	16,900	16,848
Colinton and Prospect House ...	11,535	12,488	11,933
Total ...	1,53,705	1,72,090	1,68,216

The total expenditure as shewn in the above statement is Rs. 1,68,216. This when compared with the figures in the statement in paragraph 7 of this report would shew a difference of Rs. 928 which is explained below :—

	Rs.
Amount charged in the Treasury account	1,69,144
Deduct amount of cheque for 1906-07 cashed in 1907-08 ...	20
	1,69,124
Add amount of cheque for 1907-08 not cashed before 31st March 1908.	10
	1,69,134
Expenditure as above	1,68,216
Amount charged to Suspense heads	918

Out of Rs. 918 debited to Suspense heads, Rs. 641 represents the cost of Tube-wells for which Rs. 800 was sanctioned and the balance was spent for other purposes without authority.

Some of the important original works which were done during the year are mentioned below:—

	Rs.
Additions to Sudder Model School	1,416
Ditto to Dewan's Record Room	993
Corrugated Iron Roofing to replace the Khapra Roofing of the Band Sergant's Bungalow.	1,138
Converting the Stable into servants quarters	3,160
Electric Light Installation in the Palace	19,929
Game Reserve Forest	3,162
Railway Police quarters	4,481
Two storied house for the Principal, Victoria College ...	6,099

9. *Darjeeling Estate.*—The receipts on account of rent &c., amounted to Rs. 67,968 and the expenditure was Rs. 38,283, the details of the latter are given below:—

	Rs.
Original Works	9,391
Electric Light	148
Establishment	2,401
Repairs &c.	11,589
Taxes	7,194
New furniture	2,076
Location rent	275
Contingencies	754
Unforeseen	1,053
Insurance Fund	3,000
Stock	402
Total ...	38,283

The expenditure on original works was for final payment for the Castleton Cottage and for certain works done to Little Chevremont.

The cash balance of the estate on 31st December 1907 was Rs. 4,092, the unadjusted advances amounted to Rs. 100 and the balance of unrealized rent was Rs. 2,107.

During the year the estate remitted to the Cooch Behar Treasury Rs 37,019 out of its income and the previous year's cash balance.

10. *Chaklajat Estates.*—The collection of this estate amounting to Rs. 1,34,797 was better than the revised estimate by Rs 6,194. This result would have been much better if the market for jute and molasses had not been unusually dull. The expenditure which was Rs. 3,416 less than the revised estimate amounted to Rs 2,48,206. This includes Rs 8,840 on account of Public Works, the details of which are given below:—

	Rs.
Original Works	4,786
Repairs	3,106
Establishment	948
Total ...	8,840

Some of the original works which were completed during the year are mentioned below with their costs:—

	Rs.
Barkandazes shed	749
Corrugated Iron roofed out-houses, Bodeswari Temple ...	1,466
Ditto for Tehsil Kutchery at Sonahar	1,238
Ditto at Chundrahatta	1,333

The following statement will shew the difference between the actual expenditure and the revised estimate :—

	Revised.	Actual.	Difference.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Revenue payable	1,69,673	1,69,488	– 185
Management	63,038	61,004	– 2,034
Miscellaneous	9,818	9,071	– 747
Debutter	9,093	8,643	– 450
Total, ...	2,51,622	2,48,206	– 3,416

The accounts of the Estate were closed with a cash balance of Rs. 1,44,763 which was less than the revised estimate by Rs. 6,805.

During the year under report the Estate remitted to the Cooch Behar Treasury Rs. 1,92,716 out of its income.

11. *Panga Estate.*—The actual collections of this Estate amounted to Rs. 23,815, being less than the revised estimate by Rs. 6,920. This heavy falling off in the receipts was due to the dullness in the market of jute and molasses. It is also due to the bitterness of feelings of the people caused by the Settlement Operation.

It may be noted here that the total collections during the year under report amounted to Rs. 23,815, while the expenditure was Rs. 24,922, shewing a deficit of Rs. 1,107. The expenditure was Rs. 24,922, being less than the estimate by Rs. 392. For Panga Settlement Operation Rs. 6,251 was spent during the year or Rs. 60,059 from the commencement of the operation. For Public Works Rs. 349 was spent.

The following statement will shew the expenditure as compared with the revised estimate :—

	Revised.	Actual.	Difference
Revenue payable	12,255	12,453	198
Management	11,278	11,145	– 133
Miscellaneous	1,781	1,324	– 457
Total ...	25,314	24,922	– 392

12. *Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The gross earnings of the Railway amounted to Rs. 1,81,221 which was better than the revised estimate by Rs. 3,221. The expenditure was Rs. 80,232 which was Rs. 7,187 in excess of the revised estimate. The increase in expenditure was due to increase in the earnings of the Railway as also to the charge of Rs. 5,782 on account of repairs to flood damages against revenue. The details of receipts and expenditure are given below :—

RECEIPTS.—

Gross Earnings.—

	Rs.
Coaching traffic	86,609
Ditto, Ordinary	92,847
Goods traffic—Stone traffic	1,040
Electric telegraph earnings	526
Sundries	199
Total ...	1,81,221

EXPENDITURE.—

Working expenses at Rs. 40 per cent. on ordinary traffic earnings	72,072
Ditto at Rs. 45 and Rs. 40 per cent. on stone traffic earnings	440
Police charges	1,574
Rent for Police quarters	146
Chowkidars for the Torsa Bridge	218
Repairs to flood damages	5,782
Total ...	80,232

REVENUE.

25. The sub-joined statement will shew the difference between the actual revenue for 1907-08 and that for 1906-07.

		1907-08.	1906-07.	Difference.
I.	Household	34,563	26,732	7,831
II.	General Revenue	15,89,367	15,63,529	25,838
III.	Law and Justice	11,635	10,973	662
IV.	Miscellaneous	48,853	48,098	755
V.	Debutter	1,12,303	1,09,515	2,788
VI.	His Higness the Maharaja's Estates	5,26,580	5,45,835	— 19,255
VII.	Cooch Behar State Railway ...	1,81,221	1,74,522	6,699
	Railway Capital	77,000	.....	77,000
	Total ...	25,81,522	24,79,204	1,02,318

26. The total revenue for the year under report exclusive of Rs. 77,000 being the depreciated value of the rolling stock to be taken over by Government amounted to Rs. 25,04,522 which compared with the revenue for 1906-07 shewed an improvement of Rs. 25,318. I would now explain briefly the cause of the difference under each head of the above statement.

The increase under I—Household is due to credit of the sale proceeds of Khedda elephants and of interests realized from the Government papers invested during the year out of His Highness' Children Fund. The interests realized from the Government papers held in the names of His Highness' Children Fund and the Reserve Fund amounted to Rs. 23,606 and Rs. 6,402 respectively. All the sub-heads under II—General Revenue as will appear from the statement IV appended to this report, have shewn increased receipts except the one, *viz.*, "interest on loans." It may be noted here that while the receipts under "interest on loan" have fallen off to the extent of Rs. 2,105 which was due to the adjustment of some irrecoverable interests in 1906-07, those under Land Revenue, Stamps, Excise and Sundries have shewn very satisfactory improvements over the figures for 1906-07 under the same heads; the Land Revenue shewing an increase of Rs. 12,358, the Stamps Rs. 2,820, the Excise Rs. 10,427 and the Sundries (lapsed deposits) Rs. 2,338. The excess receipts on account of deposit of pay of officers cited as witnesses and of fees realized from registration of documents account for the increase under III.—Law and Justice. The increase under IV.—Miscellaneous is only Rs. 755. This small increase is due to the fact that the receipt under Criminal Justice, Public Works and Sundries have fallen off to the extent of Rs 5,745 as compared with those for 1906-07. The short receipts under "Sale of unclaimed and escheated property" chiefly account for the decrease under Criminal Justice; the decrease in the sale of Sâl trees, in the earnings of the State carts and in the ordinary receipts of the Public Works Department, explains the short receipts under Public Works, the receipts under Sundries which are fluctuating were Rs. 1,308 less than those for 1906-07. The better collection accounts for the increase under Debutter. I have dealt with His Highness' Estates and the Cooch Behar State Railway in paragraphs 32 to 35 of this report.

EXPENDITURE.

27. The following comparative statement will shew the difference between the expenditure for 1907-08 and that for 1906-07 :—

		1907-08.	1906-07.	Difference.
I.	Household	9,55,989	9,54,849	1,140
II.	Administration	9,51,061	9,30,298	20,763
III.	Debutter	50,160	50,774	— 614
IV.	His Highness the Maharaja's Estates	3,11,411	3,26,938	— 15,527
V.	Cooch Behar State Railway ...	80,232	1,01,623	— 21,391
VI.	Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	.....
	Total ...	23,98,853	24,14,482	— 15,629
	Railway Capital expenditure ...	94,530	5,000	89,530
	Total ...	24,93,383	24,19,482	73,901

The total increase in expenditure in 1907-08 over the figures for 1906-07 amounted to Rs. 73,901. If the extraordinary expenditure under "Railway Capital Expenditure" be excluded, the ordinary expenditure for the year of report, would shew a decrease of Rs. 15,629.

28. The following statement will shew some of the items of expenditure for the year under report which have greatly exceeded those of the previous year:—

	1906-07	1907-08.	Increase
His Highness the Maharaja's personal expenses.	4,59,368	4,89,000	29,632
Education to Maharajkumars ...	49,500	80,293	30,793
Feed of Elephants	6,358	8,628	2,270
Maharajkumar Raj Rajendra Narayan	26,000	49,300	23,300
Furlough and leave allowance ...	981	7,942	6,961
Unforeseen charges	19,792	28,277	8,485
Superintendent of State	22,075	27,215	5,140
Higher Education	47,828	51,232	3,404
Rations to prisoners	4,604	6,382	1,778
Military Uniform	911	8,380	7,469
Agriculture	13,050	24,276	11,226
Town Improvement	17,600	20,100	2,500
Repayment of Lapsed deposits ...	2,582	6,048	3,466

29. *Borus and Grain Compensation Allowance.*—Rupees 10,117 was paid in the year of report against Rs. 33,194 in 1906-07.

30. *Agriculture (Tobacco cultivation).*—The total expenditure under this head up to the close of last year was Rs. 12,619, Rs. 24,276 was spent in 1907-08, Rs. 13,050 in 1906-07, Rs. 4,203 in 1905-06 and Rs. 1,000 in 1904-05.

31. *Pensions and allowances.*—Rs. 39,113 was charged to this head in 1907-08 against Rs. 12,068 in 1906-07. The fresh sanctions during the year under report amounted to Rs. 3,070 per annum. It may be mentioned here that 197 officers are now on the pension list.

32. *Darjeeling Estate.*—The receipts from this estate in 1907-08 amounted to Rs. 67,968 which were in excess of those for 1906-07 by Rs. 1,389. This increase was due to enhancement of rents of some of the houses. The expenditure was Rs. 38,283 against Rs. 44,303 in 1906-07, shewing a decrease of Rs. 6,020.

33. *Chaklajat Estates.*—The collections for the year under report were Rs. 4,34,797 against Rs. 4,47,608 for the previous year, shewing a decrease of Rs. 12,811. This short receipt was owing to dull market for jute and molasses. The expenditure was Rs. 2,48,206 against Rs. 2,51,501 in 1906-07, shewing a decrease of Rs. 3,295. The cash balance on 31st March 1908 was Rs. 1,44,763 against Rs. 1,50,068 on the same date in 1907, shewing a decrease of Rs. 5,305.

34. *Panga Estate.*—The collections of this Estate amounted to Rs. 23,815 in the year of report against Rs. 31,648 in the previous year or a decrease of Rs. 7,833. The cause of this short receipt was due to dull market for jute and to the difficulty of realizing rents owing to Settlement Operation. The expenditure was Rs. 24,922 which was less than that of 1906-07 by Rs. 6,212.

For the Panga Settlement Operation Rs. 1,06,642 was spent up to the end of 1907-08. Of this sum Rs. 60,059 was the Estate share of the expenditure and Rs. 46,583 was advanced to the Raja of Panga.

35. *Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The gross earnings, expenditure and other informations in connection with this Railway are given below for two years:—

	1906-07. Rs.	1907-08. Rs.
Gross earnings	1,74,522	1,81,221
Working expenses	1,01,623	80,232
Net earnings	72,899	1,00,989
Percentage of net earnings on Capital outlay including suspense	4·89	6·7
Percentage of working expenses on gross earnings	58·22	44·27

From the above it will appear that the gross earnings for the year of report have exceeded those for the previous year by Rs. 6,699, while the percentage of net earnings on the capital outlay has been very satisfactory inspite of Rs. 94,530 having been charged to Capital Account in comparison with the year 1906-07 and this result has been chiefly due to the fact that the amount charged on account of repairs to flood damages was less as against Rs. 29,278 charged in 1906-07, Rs. 5,782 appeared in the accounts for 1907-08.

36. *Reserve Fund.*—The State grant was Rs. 50,000 in the year of report against the same amount in 1906-07.

37. *Railway Capital Expenditure.*—Rs. 94,530 was paid in the year of report against Rs. 5,000 in the previous year. For the details of Rs. 94,530 paragraph 16 of this report, may be referred to.

38. *Railway Conversion.*—During the year under report, Government papers to the face value of two lacs of rupees were made over to Government, towards the cost of conversion of the Railway into metre guage.

39. *Surplus.*—The surplus of Rs. 88,139 in the year of report has exceeded that of the previous year by Rs. 28,417.

40. *Cash Balance.*—The cash balance on 31st March 1908 amounted to Rs. 11,94,000 after investing one lac of rupees in Government papers against Rs. 11,45,127 on the same date in 1907, shewing an increase of Rs. 48,873 The details of the cash balance for the two years are given below :—

			1906-07	1907-08.	Difference
Cooch Behar State ...	...	...	7,07,648	7,48,636	40,988
Chaklajat Estates ...	...	...	1,50,068	1,44,763	– 5,305
Deposits and Funds	...	...	1,48,120	1,88,771	40,651
Government of Bengal	...	...	1,39,291	1,11,830	– 27,461
	Total	...	11,45,127	11,94,000	48,873

The one lac of rupees which was invested in Government securities out of the cash balance in 1906-07 and another lac of rupees similarly invested in the year of report, were disposed of in the manner as reported in paragraph 38.

41. *Remarks on the works of the Department.*—All the Assistants worked satisfactorily.

42. *Returns.*—The Statement No. I shews the revenue and expenditure, No. II receipts and disbursements, No. III the actual ledger balances on the 31st March 1908, No IV the actuals for 1906-07 and 1907-08; all these are appended hereto for reference.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

AMRITA LAL SEN,

Accountant-General, Cooch Behar State.

REVENUE	Revised Estimate for 1907-08.	Actuals for 1907-08.	Difference	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs	Rs	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Household.—	34,622	34,563	.....	59
II.—General Revenue.—				
a. Land Revenue	12,70,440	12,80,568	10,128	.....
b. Stamps	1,60,450	1,73,462	13,012	.....
c. Excise.	1,20,184	1,23,282	3,098	.....
d. Interest on Loans	2,100	1,076	.....	1,024
e. Sundries	8,500	10,979	2,479	.....
III.—Law and Justice —				
a. Civil and Sessions Court	400	724	324	..
b. Registration	11,500	10,911	.....	589
IV.—Miscellaneous.				
a. Criminal Justice	6,667	6,303	.....	364
b. Jail	11,801	16,225	4,424	.....
c. Education, Science and Arts ...	13,926	14,465	539	.....
d. Public Works...	13,300	8,014	.....	5,286
e. Sundries.	3,151	3,846	695	.....
V.—Debatter.	1,10,000	1,12,303	2,303	.....
VI.—His Highness' Estates.—				
a. Darjeeling Estate	67,968	67,968	.....	.....
b. Chaklajat Estates	4,28,603	4,34,797	6,194	.....
c. Panga Estate	30,735	23,815	.....	6,920
VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	1,78,000	1,81,221	3,221	.. ..
Total ...	24,72,347	25,04,522	32,175	.....
Railway Capital	77,000	77,000	.....	.....
Grand total ...	25,49,347	25,81,522	32,175	.....

EXPENDITURE	Revised Estimate for 1907-08	Actuals for 1907-08.	Difference.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Household Expenses —				
a His Highness' Personal expenses ...	4,89,000	4,89,000	.....	.....
b Rajbari garden, &c	6,080	5,986	.....	14
Total of strictly Personal expenses ...	4,95,000	4,94,986	.....	14
c. Maintenance of Rajgans and education of Maharajkumars	1,88,357	1,84,409	.....	3,948
d. Pulkhana and stables	36,771	35,561	.....	1,210
e. Band	38,888	36,210	.....	1,790
f. Miscellaneous...	2,10,966	2,04,823	.....	6,143
Total Household expenses ...	9,69,094	9,55,989	.....	13,105
II.—Administration.—				
1. Control	87,709	85,348	.....	2,361
2. General	5,44,221	5,29,363	.....	14,858
3. Revenue	2,06,058	2,00,727	.....	5,331
4. Law and Justice	56,888	54,106	.....	2,782
5. Miscellaneous...	87,017	81,517	.....	5,500
III.—Debatter	50,366	50,160	.....	206
IV.—His Highness' Estates.—				
a. Darjeeling Estate	38,283	38,283	.....	.....
b. Chaklajat Estates	2,51,622	2,48,206	.....	3,416
c. Panga Estate	25,314	24,922	.....	392
V.—Cooch Behar State Railway	73,045	80,232	7,187	.....
VI.—Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	.....	.....
Total ..	24,39,617	23,98,853	.....	40,764
Railway Capital Expenditure	94,530	94,530	.....	.....
Grand Total ...	25,34,147	24,93,383	.....	40,764
Surplus ...	15,200	88,139	72,939	.....
Grand total ...	25,49,347	25,81,522	32,175	.....

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